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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1–17

Part B. for March 08

SUBJECT.

Riots on the Kolar Gold Fields.

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1 D.O. D/28.12.07 from the D.C. Kolar
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2. From the same Officer No C 266 D/30.12.07
forwards a part copy of the telegram sent on the 3
on the same subject.
3. To the same Officer No J 1975 D/31.12.07
Requests him to expedite the submission of the Sp
report.
4. D.O. D/31.12.07 from the I.G. of Police
States that everything is quiet, forwards a copy of
Special Supdt's report and requests that it may be acc
as the official version & requests that Col. Bourne
may be asked to forward to Govt a statement
S. S. 58 of the Special Reserve Police withdrawn fr
ires under Camp.
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Forwards a copy of his letter
I.G. of Police enclosing copy of

e. Kolar. No C271 Dt 21.08.
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of the trial of the Pungabis Concerned in the case.

me officer No C273 Dt 21.08.
wards a copy of his letter to the D.S.P. Kol.

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Reports in detail on the riots

~~confidential~~
e Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops
No J 2012. Dt 6.1.08
Requests him to send a detachment
Servants to take the place of the Police
withdrawn in connection with the K.G.F.
ots from Oniasandra.

The D.S.P. Kolar No 4566/410 Dt 8.1.08
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to trial of the Pungabis.

The D.C. Kolar. No C278 Dt 9.1.08
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result of the trial of the tamil coolies.

The Chief Commandant No 2038 Dt 9.1.08
States that 10 Sowars have been sent to Bus

The D.S.P. Office No 465-2/4424 Dt 13.1.08
Forwards a copy of the telegram from the D.C. of K
intimating the result of the trial of tamil cool

The D.C. Kolar. No C304 Dt 17.1.08
Forwards a copy of the Judgment in the Co
against the tamil coolies & states that there
no further disturbances.

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Pungabis by the Special Supts. K.G.F.
The same D.S.P. Office and the Chairman No K.G.F.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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NOTES.

File. No. 125

FILE HEADING.

Riot in the Kolar Gold Fields.

From

Mr. Srikantaiwara Iyer

No. 49.0 Dated 29.12.[illegible] Received

Diary No.	Encls.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Encloses a message regarding the riot which took place at the Kolar Gold Fields.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Marked				From (Office)	Champion Reef
Month 10	Day 29	Hour 12	Minute 25	Official Instructions	Road at Tur
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to her husband he spoke
to Punjabis and was beaten
Stones thrown at Punjabis
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and beat men women and
Children in lines on
26th six thousand coolies

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Read from LM. | Sent to LM.

O (Office) | From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

O (Person) | From (Person)

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Collected and wanted to
rush punjabis lines police
kept them back and
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from lines to rifle range
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From LN. | Sent to LN.

Hrs. Min. by | At Hrs. Min. by

Telegraph Office

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To (Office) | From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person) | Frc (Person)

27th Nothing occurred

on 28th Punjabis who

assaulted Coolies on

25th were identified

at two pm at mysore

mine punjabis went to

work at mysore mine

Read from I.N. | Sent to I.N.

At Hrs. Min. by | At Hrs. Min. by

Telegraph Master.

Any enquiry regarding this telegram

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Memo Numb

From
(Office)

Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

From
(Person)

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dispersed without
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necessary every nece
precaution taken

MARIKAWVE
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Sent to

Mrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

Please
close
Confidential
Bangalore
29th December 1907.

My dear Sir,

I beg to Enclosure
herein a letter* received
from Mr. Srikanteswara
yer at 9 a.m. this morning
about an Assault
into in the Champions
Reefs. As Mr. Srikanteswara
yer says that he has

Price: 1 25 901.

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3. Jail Road.

Bangalore, 29th December 1907.

My dear Sir,

As the Dewan is absent from Head Quarters and the Offices are closed, I take the liberty thus to send for your information the enclosed copy of a report received from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar about the riot at the Kolar Gold Fields which has been reported in the Madras Mail.

In a D.O. letter, the Deputy Commissioner says "some arrests have been made and the needful is being done to ensure quietude"

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Yours very Sincerely
Sd/ T. Ananda Rao

(1) The Hon'ble Mr. S. M. Fraser C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore.

2) E. Maconochie Esq.
Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore - Madras.

Copy of telegram dated 28th December 1907 from the District Magistrate of Kolar District to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore.

"On 25th instant, 4 Punjabis accosted a woman. She reported to her husband. He spoke to Punjabis and was beaten. Stones thrown at Punjabis' lines. Punjabis came out and beat men, women and children in lines.

"On 26th, six thousand coolies collected and wanted to rush Punjabis' lines. Police kept them back and Punjabis were withdrawn to Rifle-range. Volunteers called out but services not called upon. Order was then restored.

"On 27th, nothing occurred.

"On 28th, Punjabis who assaulted coolies on 25th were identified in the morning. At 2 P.M., Mysore Mine Punjabis went to work. Mysore Mine coolies struck work and commenced stone throwing. 27 arrests made by Police with aid of Volunteers. Crowd collected who wanted prisoners released. They were dispersed without any trouble. No force used or found necessary. Every necessary precaution taken".

"C o p y".

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Secy's Office
Rx
31/12/07

Bangalore,
29th December 1907.

Dear Mr. Meetham.

I enclose ~~copy~~ Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer's letter in original (with its enclosure) received this morning. The 1st Councillor has sent a copy of it to the Resident. As soon as the Spl report which Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer has promised is received

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Bangalore
29. January 07

My dear Mr Narasimhayya

I am sending you for the information of the Durbar copy of a letter received from Colonel Dickinson, intimating that information has been received of a violent riot at the Kolar Gold Fields, and that he has been asked by Mr Carr Tarrant to the despatch of a Lookout to fill up the Imperial Service Lancers & that place should they be required -

As the matter is confidential I brought it to the notice of the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner who has directed me to send the above information to you by name -

I am sending copy of Col. Dickinson's letter to Mr Macnaghten also for the information of

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Bangalore
29th December 1907

My dear Colonel Jones

I have just heard from Dr Carr and Captain Hendrahan to say that there is a riot at Kolar Gold Fields, and that 100 men of the Imperial Service Lancers may be required there at any ~~time~~ moment with 20 rounds of ball ammunition per man. The Inspecting Officer is going to arrange for the train for Kolar with Railway authorities.

I am to send the Troops on the receipt of a wire from Dr Carr.

I have issued orders to the Commandant to have 100 men ready and I write this to request you to inform the Kolar authorities.

The matter is considered private and confidential.

I shall send the Troops to Kolar in case I do not hear from you to the contrary.

Yours sincerely

Capt. & Brigade Major

Dr & Resident

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue
Secretariat.

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Secy to Govt
Police
31/12

Bangalore
30th December 1907

Dear Mr. Mathew.

I enclose herein for the information of the Dewan copy of a telegram received by me at 5-28 P.M. about the riot at the Champion Reefs. I have sent the

received from Mr.C.Srikantes ara IyerDistrict Magistrate Kolar.

"No further rioting everything quiet 29th Panjabis again at their posts coolies resumed work six or eight persons hurt by Panjabis on 25th those hurt in 28th riot 5 police two Europeans none seriously ten Panjabis twe ty eight pariahs in all arrested trial commenco to day".

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 17

To (Office) Chitaldroog | From (Office) Channagiri

Words 52 | Day. 12 | Hour. 20 | Minute. 10 | Official Instructions.

To (Person) Superintendent

From (Person) Srikanteswara

Sir) further reckoning every thu
quiet 29th being this day
fit this go forth with seco
strength six or eight person
Ar- hurriedly [illegible]
on 25th Thursday [illegible] in 28
just time Police [illegible] europea
[illegible] accompany [illegible] [illegible]
Lieutenant [illegible] [illegible] in
all [illegible] arrested [illegible] com
to-day.

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64 Word Form.

Read. from LN. | Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by | At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

* In foreign telegrams the Person from, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

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Bangalore.
30th December 1907.

My dear Sir,

Since posting to your address yesterday copies of my D.O. letter to the Resident and Mr. Maconochie, I received the enclosed from the Hon'ble Mr. Fraser. Thereupon I inquired to ascertain whether Mr. Carr had given intimation to the Military authorities for their readiness. Such intimation had been given, but they were thinking of regarding it as cancelled after an interval of 24 hours so that they may be free to send the troops to the Camp of Exercise Therefore, I wrote to Col Deseraj Urs to say that though the local authorities may not now consider troops necessary yet, in view of daily disturbances which had been taking place

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THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE.

Dec: 25th 09

Dear Mr Ananda Rao

I am obliged

for your letter of

the morning, enclosing

copy of a report from

Dep: Comr Kolar

about the riots at

Kolar Gold Fields.

? : Remit. J-A-R. via

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[illegible] over [illegible] the

[illegible] Sicily telegraphed

[illegible] that [illegible] night there

[illegible] been [illegible] disturbances

yesterday, that

the volunteers had been

called out to restore

order. He would not

[illegible] any [illegible] of

further disturbances.

The responsible people

on the island thought

the situation very difficult
serious to suggest a search
party of troops being sent
as reinforcements to Bangalore.
In view of this serious
possibility I am to
call the evening on
his return from Shimoga
before he left for
Kolar & suggest to
him that the Command-
-ant V. S. Lawrence
should be privately
warned to have men

Rev. John Dickson of
Kolar is telegraphed
for from. Can we
be glad to hear that
the F.A.R. (who is
now at Kolar) has
just telegraphed of
the Heat. The local
authorities consider
Europeans unnecessary as
things have quieted
down.
Kindly keep me informed
if there are any further
developments.
Yours sincerely Sam Stone

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Bangalore
Dec 30th 1907

My dear Sir,

Overleaf is a copy of telegram received today from the Deputy Commr of Kolar about the Gorebidnur riots and which the Chief Commissioner desired me to be sent to you.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Yours very truly
Bhowndaloo

K. Mathan Esq
Under Secretary
on duty with the Dewan of Mysore
Camp Chitaldrug

Note—Contn sheet.

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2	From The Dt. Magte. Kolar. no. C 266 Dt 30.12.07 Submits a post copy of a telegram sent on the 30th Dec. 07 anent the riot on the Gold fields. It is ascertained that the telegram to which copy is now subd. was sent to the 1st Council yesterday. Subd. with a draft D.O. to the Residency and a draft Docket to the Dt. Magte., Kolar. S.G. 31.12.07 31/12/07 31.12.07 The draft to the Residency has not been issued.
3	To The Dt. Magte. Kolar. no. J 1975 Dt 31.12.07 Requests him to expedite the submission of the official report.
4	From Mr. Carr. D.O. Dt 31.12.07 to the 1st Cr. States that everything is quiet forwards a copy of Spl. Supdt's report and requests that the same may be accepted as the official version; and requests that Col. Desiraj Urs may be asked to send out 50 sowars to take the place of the Spl. Reserve Police who have been withdrawn from the Birasandra Camp.

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5	From the Deputy Commr, Kol Memo: No C.269 & 31.12.06, Forwards a copy of his letter No C.267. & 31.12.06 to t I. G. of Police, enclosing a cop of a letter from the Superintendent of Pol Kolar Gold Fields, reporting on the riot.

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Mein lieber Doktor Graham

Ihren [illegible] und [illegible]
[illegible] Telegramm in [illegible] Commissionsangelegenheit.
Ich [illegible] in Kolin [illegible].
Inzwischen [illegible] meine [illegible]
[illegible] Reise [illegible] [illegible] wie
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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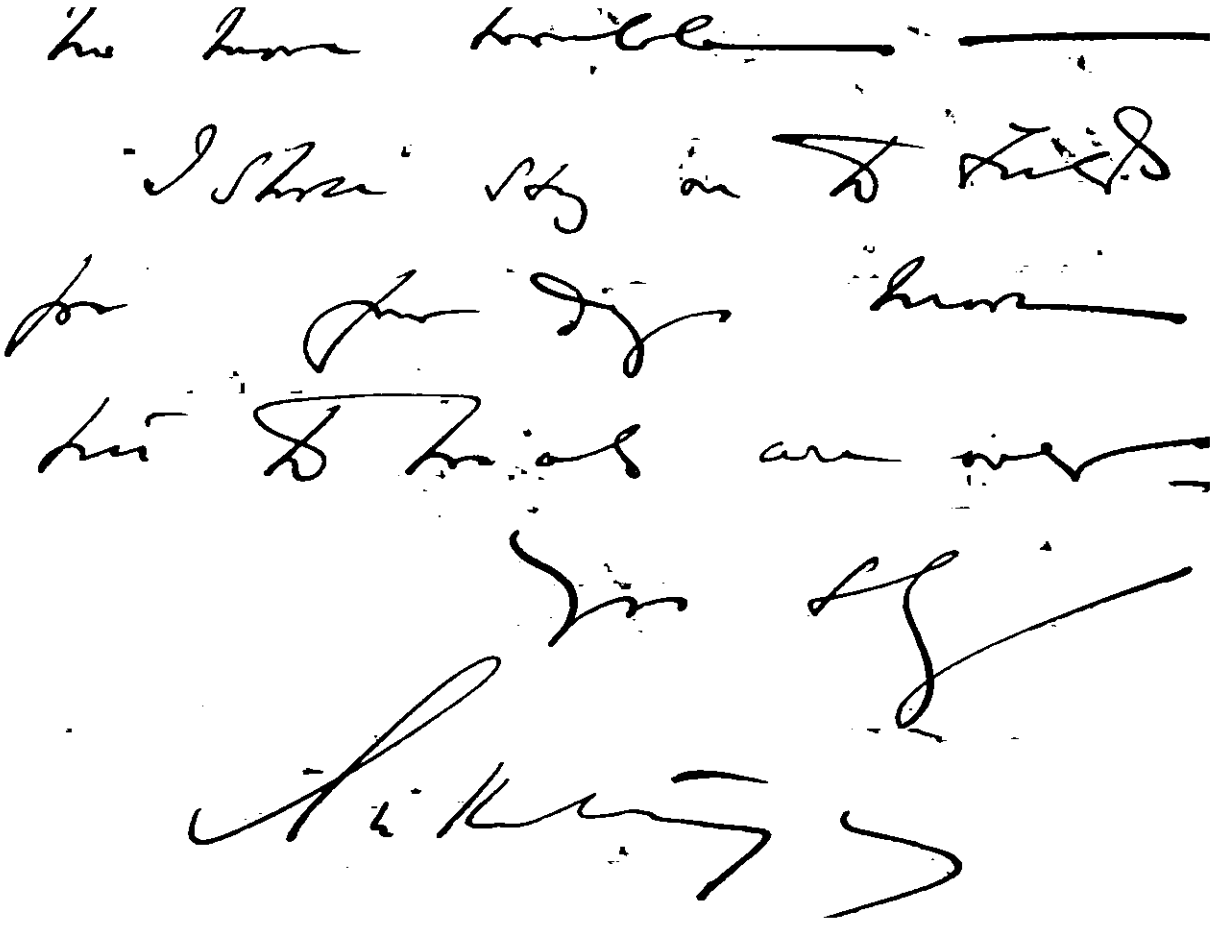

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Serial No. 6.

From

The D. C. Kolar No C 27/8 Cypher
Recd 2nd Jan'08.

Submits Post copy of a letter
intimating the result of the trial
of the Pongalois connected in the
riot case.

From the same Official No C 273 8/ 2.1.08
forwards a Copy of his Cypher No C 27
8/ 2.1.08 to the D. S-General.

Subd. with two drafts, one
to the Residency and the other to
the Chief Commandant.

B.G.
3.1.08 SW/3.1.08 Secy) 3.1.08

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4.1.08

My dear Balasundaram Iyer,

I return to
you herewith
the Dewan has approved of
the draft. The Chief Com-
mandant, whom I saw this
morning, the Dewan
has put certain queries, and
I have sent it to the Deputy Com
mandant for full report being sent on
all the points. I enclose a copy
of my letter to the Deputy Com

Police 125-0/ Bangalore,
4-1-08.

Dear Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer,

I am directed by the Dewan to send you the closed, which is a draft (to be returned with the rep of a letter to the Residency making a final report in gard to the recent ~~disturbance~~ disturbance at the Kolar Go Field. Please see the remarks and queries made by th Dewan in the margin of the draft and send a full repo (per bearer) as to all the points.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- K. Natthan.

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Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to

No.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The First Asst. to the
Hon'ble the Reside
in Mysore

Date of issue

Signed by

Sir,

In continuation of
the 1st Councillor Mr.
T. Ananda Rao's D.O. let
of the 29th Dec. 1907 and
the recent riots on the
Kolar Gold Fields I am
directed to ~~state as~~ forward for
~~follows:~~ information of the Hon'ble the Resident

official report about the breach of the peace which occured in the Kolar Gold Fields.

1. At 7.30 P.M. on t
25th December 1907 it
was reported to the Spl.
Supdt. of Police, K.G.F. th
a disturbance had tak
place in the Mysore Co

over.

rning to a woman
ving been molested by
ur Punjabi Watchmen.
ese men were said to have also
ssaulted the woman's
usband when he intervened on behalf of his wife
id to have attempted to
rag him off to their lines.
~~The Parish Coolies, however~~ Other parishioners however
~~rescued this man when~~ ~~the Punjabis~~ on the
rescue of this man by
the Parish Coolies the
Punjabis appear to have
made a sortie and to
have beaten several men,
woman and children whom
they found in the adjoin-
ing parish into. Subsequently
two parishes were also dragged
off to the Punjabi Lines and confined there
when they were confined
presumably in order to
~~secure~~ prevent
them from making any

List of enclosures

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This is what
means
ask him what he mea

MPB—3,000—1-3-07

P Nairobi 12 Sept 07 (A.S)

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

Give name

how many

All this was in the course of the day. the first assault on the woman took place at 4pm & the return of the Parish from the Panjabi line was at.

Give distance from Parish hut to Panjabi lines

The Supt of Police who proceeded to the spot found an excited crowd of several thousand ...olies being held back with ...ifficulty by a small body ... police [illegible] ... Police after ... commanded the ... Police how were they ... armed & how many of them were there

complacent on hearing of the disturbance a Hd. Constable from the Champion Police Station together with some constables went to the spot and succeeded in persuading the Punjabis to release their prisoners and the pariahs to return quietly to their huts. When the Police Supt. visited the scene the spot at about 7.45 P.M. everything was quiet and it was thought that the disturbance had ceased.

3 The next morning however, at 8 a.m. the pariahs had mustered in force and began to attack the Punjabi lines with stones. This enormous crowd was being held back with difficulty by a small body of Police. There was a good deal of promiscuous throwing and several ugly ruses on both sides however seriously injured & the

MGCPE—30,000—5-4-05.

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crowd were eventually pursuaded to disperse at about 12 noon.

4 No further disturbances took place till the afternoon of the 28th inst. On the meanwhile a detachment of 25 officers and men of the Specl Reserve force ~~Raised from Bangalore~~ which had been despatched from Bangalore reached arrived on the field on the 27th Dec. Give time, morning or evening

5. On the 28th at about 3 p.m. when the Punjabis were marching up to Change guard at various mills and posts on the Ingrow Mills, the coolies who were just about to go underground at Ribbledale Shaft saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work, started to collect in excited groups near the posts when the Punjabis were stationed and began to throw stones. The Police attempted to disperse the crowd, but without effect. Several constables and some Europeans were hit with stones, though but were not seriously badly hurt. Just at this time

In the interval the Punjabis were removed from the mills which were dangerously near the Coolie huts and arrangements were also made in the event of renewed assault on both sides.

From noon of 26th December to afternoon of 27th December there were two full days for taking counsel to know that the authorities would not allow the lawless acts of the Punjabis to go unpunished. Was anything done to inspire confidence in the minds of the Coolies that justice would be done including the support given to them (The action of the Authorities in moving the Punjabis to a safe distance would seem to

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

Shew that they were more anxious for the safety of the Ranjabis than in affording the Coolies redress & protection against the outrageous Conduct of the Ranjabis)

Who summoned them? What was their Strength?

and assumed a threatening attitude..

How strong - what arms were they carrying?

Vick

The Volunteer employees of the Import line appeared on the scene. They advanced on the crowd who retreated to their lines where the police arrested 28 of the ringleaders were arrested by the police, and brought accordingly to the Meriklappan Police Station and locked up there. This was at about 5 O' clock in the evening. The crowd again collected peaceably with the intention of rescuing the prisoners. At this juncture another company of Volunteers from the Champion Reefs accompanied by Captain Rice and Mr. Deputat Resident Assistant Resident who happened to be on the field appeared on the scene rescued and dispersed the crowd. The prisoners were then marched to the Champion Reefs Station and locked up there for the night.

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6 A slight disturbance took place at about this time near the Govt. Civil Hospital when the windows were broken with stones by rowdies, one of whom was slightly hurt with buck shot, from a gun discharged by some one in the Hospital.

Surely someone to be able to say who this someone is

7 Till the 31st December 'got there have been no signs of further rioting. Everything seems quiet; the Punjabis are again at their posts and the coolies have resumed work.

8 On the morning of the 29th ten Punjabis who took part in the disturbance were arrested.

9 There have been no signs of further rioting and everything is reported to be quiet. The Punjabis are again at their posts and the coolies have resumed work. A force of about 90 Reserve Police with the inspectors is now a[t] fields & they will be a[t] police will be able to the peace on the field there be any further dis[turbance]

As far as can be ascertained, the main cause of this outbreak of lawlessness on the part of the Mussulmans is alleged to be the molestation

have been directly due to

Which disturbance

If it was the disturb[ance] of the morning of the 29th

Why were they not arrested on the [illegible]

one person in the fields [illegible] see & quieted the crowd [illegible] to enquire into & report [illegible] grievances. The [illegible] also assure the [illegible]

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

by certain Punjabis of a pariah woman indirectly to and a general the feeling of resentment against the Punjabis for the way in which they had been conducting the search of coolies at the shaft heads on the various mines for some time past.

10. The Spl. Magte, the Dy. Cmr. and the I.G. of Police were all present on the scene and were of the greatest assistance during the riots.

about 8 or 10 persons were apprehended and beat by the Punjabis at the outset.

I have &c

(Send me copy of the judgt)

Secretary.

B.S.S.W. 3-1-08

The judicial enquiry is ~~into the~~ of drug and five out of the ten Punjabis convicted were sentenced and 1 to 3 months' rig in pt, one to 5 months' rig in pt and the punishment for 4 fine from a fine of 15 Rs to rig in pt for 3 months. The trial of the tamil Coolies will be taken up shortly.

The Durbar see no reason to withdraw any of the trouble and consider that no further measures are called for. For the present A further report will be submitted when the trials have been concluded

MGCPB—39000—5-4 05.

Police 125-07.

Bangalore,
4th January 1908.

Dear Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer,

I am in receipt of your reports re the K.G.F. riot Before finally recording the report there are one or two poi on which some further information would be useful.

Re the calling out of the volunteers on the 28th D cember, it is not quite clear whether you or Mr. Bowring or Mr. Pritchard requisitioned their aid or whether the mine au rities did so or whether the volunteers themselves on their own initiative took part in quelling the riot. Were their s vices so very indispensable and could not the police have ma ed the business? In para 7 sub para 3 of Mr. Pritchard's re port reference is made to the aid of the volunteers in deali with any future disturbance. If the aid of the military is essential would it not be desirable that the Durbar should keep military force in the Fields for a time rather than indent o the services of volunteers. I should be glad to have your o nion on these points at an early date.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- C.S. Balasundram Iyer.

P.S. When are the trials of the tamil coolies expected to cl

To the above letter of the General Secretary, I am dire ed by the Dewan to add the following:-

. Please see sections 129 and 130 of the Criminal Procedu Code. It will be useful if in this connection we could have the question decided as to the status, duties and responsibi ties of the Volunteer Corps in relation to the local magis- tracy, how far they are bound to obey the call of the State Magistrate and whether he is entitled to call in their aid.

Sd/- K. Matthan,
4-1-1908. Under Secretary.

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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8	From The D. C. Kolar Dt/ Champion Reefs 5-1-08 Reports in detail on the breach of the peace which occurred in the Kolar Gold Fields.

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Chamarajpet

5th Jan 1908

My Dear Sir,

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Montpellier Depts

5th Jan 1908

To Dear Bolingbroke —

— Yr letter of 27th Dec enclosing Copy- & Extract- Declaration amend- R. S. T. Rent- Act- & Draft Agt Increase Rents [illegible] — I have [illegible] 2 Petitions [illegible] from Birmingham, which I shall [illegible] or enquire — Regn Copy.

I have to return the said Draft- & a Copy each of it- wherein the Slight- alterations & additions made in blue ink in the body thereof have

of Illness themselves.
In the hospital I
have had in 2nd instance
further fuller details for
the information of Miss Nightingale
Council: his opinion: these
details were omitted
in the former report - for
obvious reasons, which
Mr Spencer Phipps will
& Sir Thomas Blake I shall
have in his return from
town — I am writing

Dear Mr Bourchier Tomorrow
I shall write to him in
the afternoon & explain
matters

As for Columbus — Mr
Justin called up in
connection with Dr Osborn
at Yoyon in 1896 when
it was decided on keeping
out Hist-Ency Thus in — See
Pol — No 269 of 1896 dated 96 &
letter No 11287 of 12 — idem
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Mr Arch Reichel & Cumming

Parliament at St Johns

Parliament at St Johns the 21st day of November 1837.

His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in British North America &c &c &c

The Honorable Peter Russell Esquire Speaker of the Legislative Council

The Honorable Jonathan Sherwood Esquire Speaker of the House of Assembly

The Honorable Members of the Legislative Council

The Honorable Members of the House of Assembly

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly

I have called you together at this unusual season of the year, in consequence of the Provincial Parliament having been dissolved before the Supplies for the Public Service had been granted for the current year.

I have directed the Estimates for the Service of the year 1838 to be laid before you, and I trust that you will be able to complete the Business of the Session in time to enable you to return to your homes before the severity of the Winter shall render travelling inconvenient.

I have directed the Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Public Money to be laid before you, and I am happy to inform you that the Revenue has increased during the last year.

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have I the right to do so?
Before beginning on
such a delicate subject
it will be best to refer
ourselves to the Rights &
provisions contained in
the two Acts that
have already been enacted
& how it now stands.

By having the Vol: &
Pages Cr Ord: Cons: touching
the Rights & Privileges, Act XXI
1859 (Vol: Ord:) we be

I have explained in a
former letter the dispute
between the Police
Commissioners — The
Police have quite agreed
to refuse to take
any orders from the Police
Commissioners, they
have — to obey to make
any arrests or the like —
either — being ordered so to do.
Many thousands of the Police
& some arrests have
Commissioners as
Excellent — examples —
We have had — & are

Just in time of Vol. [illegible]
to a Meeting of Stockholders, it
has long pursued talking
& haranguing the infuriated
Crowds from the Hospital
& Asylum - But these
Proceedings will be carefully
taken into Consideration
hereafter. Thus ended the
Session. Thanks and Love
from all to Dr. Lee for
our Lecturers —

Vol. were hearty part
in & upon Occasion they
Love —

Yours
Sincerely

Plica 12 [illegible]/

Confidential.

Champion Reefs,

5th January 1908.

My dear Balasundram,

Your letter of yesterday enclosing draft of report to Residency anent K.G.F. Riot sent with special messenger reached me today at about 2 P.M. on my return from Betamangalam whither I had gone on emergent Plague duty.

I herewith return the said draft with a typed copy of it, whereon the slight alterations and additions made in blue ink in the body thereof will explain themselves.

On the margin I have noted in red ink further fuller details for the information of the Dewan against his queries. These details were omitted in the former report for obvious reasons, which I hoped to have submitted to Dewan when I met him on his return from tour. I am going down to Bangalore tomorrow and shall wait on him in the afternoon and explain matters.

As for Volunteers - the question cropped up in connection with a disturbance at Mysore in 1896 when it was decided our Magistracy could not call them in - see Pro. No.269/D.C. dated 1st April 1896 and letter No.11287/P.305 dated 2nd idem to First Assistant Resident and connected papers on the subject.

But here on the Fields the circumstances are somewhat different. The Volunteers are Mines own employees and it may be said if the Mines authorities wished to call them in aid in their self defence, we could not help it. In this view of the subject I designedly left out reference to it, after consultation with Mr. Carr, who apparently has not yet seen the Dewan.

We might certainly raise now the point and have it

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decided once for all. But before launching on such a delicate subject, it would be well to refresh ourselves on a reference to previous correspondence as to how far the matter had already been considered and how it now rests.

We having no volunteers and Mysore Criminal Procedure Code making no reference to them, Act XX of 1869 (Vol. Act) has to be looked into, if a I.P. can command their services &c. I am asking Capt. Kidd to let me have Vol.ix of Military Regulations and shall bring it with me when I come there the afternoon. It may also need legislation.

As for to your query whether the services of Volunteers were so essential I have explained in the margin of the draft how and when they were considered necessary. Our Police were quite equal to dispursing the mob; but over a vast area like this, it was feared that they would not be able to make any arrests on the spot without being required by so many thousands of the mob, and some arrests were considered necessary as excellent examples.

We were not and are not in need of Volunteers. As a matter of fact, it was my personal talking and pacifying the infuried coolies near the Hospital and assurance that their grievances would be carefully looked into that quitted them, more than any arrest.

If need be I would send for one I.S. Lancers.

Volunteers were merely put in to report because they happen to be here.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C. Srikanteswara Aiyar.

Q Nos. 12 & 13-07

From First Asst. to the
Hon'ble the Resident.
in Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to ~~forward~~ report for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident, ~~a report~~ about the breach of the peace which occurred in the Kolar Gold Fields as follows.

2. At 7.30 P.M. on the 25th December 1907 it was reported to the ~~Special~~ Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, that a disturbance had taken pla in the No. 1 (block) of the Mysore Coolie lines owing to a woman having been molested by four Punjabi Watchmen who ~~These men~~ were said to have ~~also~~ also assaulted the woman's husband when he intervened on behalf of his wife and ~~to have~~ attempted to drag him off to their lines. Other Pariah coolies interfered and rescued the man from the Punjabis, and the latter reinforced by several others of their ~~compeers~~ comrades thereupon made a sortie and beat several men, women and children whom they found in th

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Coolie Coolies

ining ~~Pariah~~ huts. Two ~~Pariahs~~ were also dragged off to the Punjabi lines and confined there, presumably with the idea of preferring ~~some~~ complaints against them having pelted stones at their lines.

This is not what the Supt. means. Ask him what he means.

3. On hearing of the disturbance, a Head Constable from the Champion Reef Police station together with some constables went to the spot and succeeded in persuading the Punjabis to release their prisoners and the ~~Pariahs~~ Coolies to return quietly to their huts. ~~All this was in the course of the day.~~ The first assault on the woman took place at 5.30 P.M. ~~A.M.~~ and the return of the ~~Pariahs~~ Coolies from the Punjabi lines was at 7 P.M. . When the Police Superintendent visited the place at about 7.45 P.M. everything was quiet and it was thought that the disturbance had ended.

Give name. Rahiman Khan Sikh

w many? Six men

Give distance from Pariah huts to Punjabi lines. Two Furlongs

4. The next morning, viz., ~~morning~~ ~~of~~ the 26th, at 8 A.M., however, the Tamil ~~Pariahs~~ Coolies mustered in force and began to attack the Punjabi lines with stones. The Superintendent of Police who proceeded to

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the spot found an excited crowd of several thousands of coolies being held back with difficulty by a small body of Police under Inspector Norris from rushing the Punjabi quarters. There was a good deal of promiscuous stone throwing and several ugly rushes on the part of the crowd. No one was however seriously injured and the crowd was eventually persuaded to disperse at about 12 noon.

Who commanded the Police?

How were they armed?

And how many of them were there?

Norris
1 Norris Insp.
2 Walton "
3 Rahimanklan Hd constable
4 Krishnappa "
5 Appaji Rao " & 25 constables
- In all 30. With batons - No arms.

5. No further disturbances took place till the afternoon of the 28th idem In the interval the Punjabis were removed from their lines which were dangerously near the Coolie huts and enquiries were also made into the various cases of alleged assault on both sides. A detachment of 25 officers and men of the Special Reserve Force which had been despatched from Bangalore reached the Fields on the 27th December.

Give time, morning or evening.

At 8.30 P.m. by Motor train

rom noon of 26th December to fternoon of 28th December there ere two full days for taking ome action to show that the uthorities would not allow the awlessness of the Punjabis to o unpunished. Was anything done

6. On the 28th at about 3 P.M. when the Punjabis were marching up to change guard at various Mills and posts

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to inspire confidence in the minds of the Coolies that justice would be done to them?

1) On the 26th after quelling the disturbance both Messrs Pritchard & Bonny took 2 Pcs. on the Cooli Lines adjoining Punjabi huts & took down detailed statements of every one who had any complaint to make, & Mr. Pritchard assured them all that the Punjabis that were to blame would be brought to justice. He also distinctly assured the mob who did not leave the Punjabi Lines to leave their huts that they would be removed from that place & never allowed to return thither. It is this assurance that satisfied the coolies & helped to maintain amongst the Punjabis safety.

2) Who summoned them?

3) What was their strength?

On the 27th further investigations continued as the Punjabis were named & had any to be identified. On the 28th most of the Punjabis were all turned out on the Rifle Range & the identification from amongst them of the accused by them that were assaulted on the 25th took more than 3 hrs; & the Police had to make sure of evidence before arresting them of their Guard.

3) Lt-Col: Pattison, Chief Supt. Mysore Mines, who happened to be on the spot asked Mr. Bonny if the Volunteers should be called out — How strong? 9 Shots — What arms were they carrying? 6 ... Mr. Bonny asked him to keep them in readiness. Later on when it was found that the Police on the spot would be unable to cope with the situation, if arrests were to be made, the assistance of Volunteers was requisitioned

on the Mysore Mine, the coolies who were just about to go underground at Ribblesdale Shaft saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work, started to collect in excited groups near the posts where the Punjabis were stationed and began to throw stones. The Police attempted to disperse the crowd, but without effect. Several constables and ~~some~~ Europeans two or three were hit with stones, but ~~were not~~ badly none was hurt. Just at this time a detachment of A & B Companies ~~the Volunteers~~ of the Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers ~~employees of the Mysore Mine~~ appeared on the scene. They advanced on the crowd who retreated to their lines where 23 of the ringleaders were arrested by the Police and escorted to the Marikuppam Police station and locked up there. This was at about 5 o'clock in the ~~evening~~. The presumably crowd again collected with the intention trying to get- ^ release) of ~~rescuing~~ the prisoners, and ~~assumed a~~ ^ but not disperse. A detachment of ~~threatening attitude. Another Company of~~ the C & D companies of the Volunteers ~~from the Champion Reefs~~ accompanied by Adjutant Captain Kidd and Mr. Rennie, the 1st Asst. to the Resident, then formed up

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who happened to be on the Field, appeared on civil- charged
As the mob declined to disperse the Volunteers advanced in extended order and then on the scene and dispersed the crowd. The Rioters retreated towards the old Govt: Civil Hospital & lynch the two wounded prisoners were then marched to the Champion Reefs station and locked up there for the night.

Police men who had been shot there & brought

7. A ~~slight~~ disturbance took place at about this time near the Government Civil Hospital where the windows were broken ~~with~~ stones and many thrown on the roof smashing the tiles by rowdies, one of whom was slightly hurt with buck shot from a gun discharged by someone in the Hospital, when the excited mob dashed at the doors, for the fourth time, & forced their entrance.

What is his name
Rahimanbhai Hr constable who has been dismissed for a very bad act - on his part.

8. On the morning of the 29th, ten Punjabis who took part in the disturbance were arrested.

Which disturbance? of the 25th

If it was the disturbance of the 25th why were they not arrested on 26th, 27th or 28th?
Case had to be carefully investigated & The accds had to be identified one - after large body of Punjabis numbering 190 on the Field

9. There have been no signs of further rioting and everything is reported to be quiet. The Punjabis are again at their posts and the coolies have resumed work. A force of about 90 Reserve Police with two Inspectors is now at the Fields and they with the local Police will be able to keep the peace on the

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Fields, should there be any further disturbance. A force of 100 men of the Imperial Service Regiment is also held in readiness to proceed to the Fields should the necessity arise.

10. As far as can be ascertained, this outbreak of lawlessness on the part of the Mine Coolies seems to have been directly due to the molestation by certain Punjabis of a Pariah woman and indirectly to a general feeling of resentment against the Punjabis for the way in which they have been conducting the search of coolies at Shaft heads on the various Mines for some time past.

11. The judicial enquiry is proceeding and five out of the ten Punjabis concerned have been convicted and sentenced, the punishments ranging from a fine of 15 rupees to rigorous imprisonment for 3 months. The trial of the Tamil coolies has commenced ~~will be taken up shortly~~.

Get copy of Judgment.

J Shuk 6/7

12. The Durbar see no reason to

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apprehend any further trouble and consider that no special protective or punitive measures are called for, for the present. A further report will be submitted when the trials have been concluded.

I have etc.,

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No. 9

To The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops

no. J 2012 D/6.1.08

Asks him to arrange to send a detachment of 50 sowars to take the place of the Police withdrawn from Bidadanoor camp in connection with the Gold Fields riots.

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Sub? to Secretary

The Dewan wishes to be informed of the cause of delay in reporting to the Residency the occurrence of the riot at the Kalas Gate Pedro — It is understood that the riots took place on the 26th and 28th December, & that a report of it was made to the Residency on the 29th — There is an order to say that immediate information of such occurrences should be given to the Residency but this has not been done —

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From what I can see from the papers the occurrences of the 25th night & 26th morning were not regarded as serious disturbances or riots that called for immediate report. The disturbance on the 26th was though somewhat serious, was not reported evidently as the crowd dispersed without committing any acts of violence & everything appeared ~~peaceful~~ quiet. It was the recrudescence on the 28th that was really serious. ~~This was reported~~ The occurrences ended late in the evening of the 28th & the Dy Commr sent a report by Bhl messenger & this was received at 9 am on the 29th Dec by Mr H. Ramaiya – who was attending to urgent work in my absence from the station. He sent it on to the Asst who immediately communicated it to the Residency with a D.O. letter. There does not therefore appear to have been any delay in reporting the matter.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form.

The proceedings on the subject of sending reports to the Resr do not prescribe any direct report to the Resr by the local authorities. ~~One of the~~ The present case comes under "A riot which involve a serious breach of the public peace" but does not appear that the occurrences of the 25th & 26th would come under that category.

I send the file also

7/1/10

return.

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Bangalore
7-1-08

My dear Balasundaram Iyer,

With reference to the enclosed your note, the Dewan directs that an official letter may be sent to the First Asstt Resident on the following lines:-

With reference to what the Hon'ble the Resident remarked to the Dewan in connection with the occurrence of a riot on the Kolar Gold Field road being promptly reported I am directed to say that - - - -

The substance of your note of the

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I believe in official letters it is the rule not to refer to the correspondence or personal interviews - So I think this may be sent either C.O a we may add a para in the final draft which I suppose could be sent in a day or two

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Serial No. 10

Letter no. 4566/410 Dt 9.1.08 from the I.G. of Police.

Forwards for information a report regarding the recent riots on the K. G. T. and a copy of the Dt. Magte's. letter reporting that out of the ten Punjabis who were tried by the Spl Magte. 3 were sentenced to 3 months' rigorous imprisonment each, 1 to 5 weeks rigorous imprisonment, one to pay a fine of Rs 15 and the remaining five were acquitte

Subo. The file relating to the subject was subo to Sec on the 3rd instant. May this b subo. in continuation?

B.G. 10.1.08. MV

Submitted in continuat

Secy 10.1.08. JMM

Putup with other file on the same subject

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From (Person) District magistrate

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N.B.—In foreign telegrams the *Person from*, if telegraphed, should be written after his designation from the text.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

P.R. File No. 125 of 190 7

Serial No.	
11	Memo no. C 278 D/ 9.1.08 from the Dc. Mafli. Kolar Submits post copy of his message reporting that five Tamil coolies were sentenced to 6 months, five to three months' rigorous imprisonment each and five were discharged.
12	Letter no. 2038 D/ 9.1.07 from the Chief Commandant. States that 10 sowars have been sent to Birasandra camp. Subo. The file relating to the subject is pending with the Secy. May this be subo to him pn continuation? B.9. 11.1.08 SN 13/1/08 Submitted in continuation Secy) 13.1.08 RMD

NOTE—Contn sheet.

GPB—50 000—17-3-07

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Yes,

Regarding the disturbances at the Kolar Goldfield, there is one point about which the Dewan writes to have information.

In your telegram of the 29th Dec to the Dewan it is said that 6000 Coolies had collected on the 26th and wanted to make the Punjabi Lines. And that the Volunteers were called out but that their services were not required. The disturbance appears to have been considered sufficient reason to call out the Volunteers, but no report of the disturbance was made to Govt. Jam desired to ask why ~~no report about the~~ this was not done.

It is noticed that neither in Mr Pitchard's report, nor in yours is any mention made of the fact that Volunteers were called out on the 26th

Await orders from the Govt, as to why disturbance of 26th Dec not reported. He of 11/1

l Revenue
ariat.

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Serial No.

The Dewan desires that a revised cost the Resr Engrs prepared & the file ~~be~~ returned for submission to H.H.

Secy) Sec 11/1/08

I have put up a draft embodying the Dy. Commrs latest report & adding a para at the end. We may perhaps put it in the shape of a Post Procs & send a copy to the Resr. with a covering letter.

Dewan) - CSB 13/1/08.

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NOTE.—Contn slip

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

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Rec'd 16-1-08

Kolar 14 Jan[y] 08

Dear Malleson,

Yr letter of 11th. My telegram to Dewan of 28 Dec[r] was only a copy of what was sent to Sec[y] that day as my report to Govt: the earliest I could make under the circ[s], having been elsewhere on duty.

Re Volunteers, that telegram shd have read — volunteers called out & held in readiness on their own initiative —

NOTE.—Contn sheet.

GPB—50,000—17-3-07

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Serial No.	
13.	From the S. S. of Police 4652/424 Dt 13.1.08 Forwards a copy of the telegram from the Dy. Commr., Kolar, intimating the result of the trial of the Tamil Coolies.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

GN File No. 125 of 1907

Serial No.	
14	Letter no. C 304 D/17-1-08 from the Dt. Magte. Kolar forwarding a copy of the judgment in the case against Jamil Coolies and stating that there was no further disturbance since the night of the 28th December 1907 and that the more closely and influential members did not join in the riot.
	Subo. It is ascertained that the file relating to the subject has been subo. to the H. H. the Dewan. May this be subo. in continuation.
	B.G. 22-1-08 to Dewan.
	Submitted to the Dewan in continuation.
	23-1-08.
24-1-08	

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Dewan's add 88

The draft letter may be
put into the form of
Govt. ans, a copy being
sent to the First Minister

B.V.

5/2/08

Please put it in
the form of a
post order &
submit at once

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R. S. 12]
General and Revenue
Secretariat.

File No. 128 of 1907-08

Serial No.

Subo. The letter has been converted into Proceedings. A draft to the Residency is also put up.

B.G. 10.2.08. WWS 10/2

Submitted.

Secy) 10.2.08 WWS

Submd. with drfts & Dewan thro' Hon 2nd Cm

WWS 10/2/08

5694 11/2/08

The Draft may be approved. WWS

Hkeb WWS 11.2

Maybe approved HKB 12/2/08)

Dewan

WWS 12/2

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for His Highness' information the accompanying draft of Government Proceedings in regard to the disturbances that took place on the Kolar Gold Field between the 25th and 28th December 1907.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

16.2.08
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Draft of Government Proceedings in regard to the disturbances that took place on the Kolar Gold Field between the 25th and 28th December 1907.

Order.

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25.2.08

The draft seems suitable and is approved subject to the following modification. As things have settled down satisfactorily it seems unnecessary to include para 14, wh: may be omitted.

I understand too that the watchmen have appealed against the sentences and have also been called upon to show cause why their sentences shd not be enhanced. It would perhaps be desirable to suspend the issue of the order until the judicial proceedings have terminated.

KRW
24/2/08

Secy
Mills
26 Feb 08

1/IR
27/2/08

To Police
Ascertain & report from the Regr Ch. Ct & Govt Advr whether appeal & revision cases have been disposed of
CSB 25/2/08 XIII 26/2

G. R. S. 12]

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Police File No. 125 of 190 7-08

Serial No.	
	Subd. with a draft D.O. as directed. B.J. 27.2.08 27/2 Issue 28.2.08 Draft D.O. issued to the Govt. Advocate no. J2630 Dj 2.3.08.

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Draft D.O.

F.I. No 17

No. J. 2630
Police

Bangalore
2nd
D/- ~~1st~~ March 1908
2-3-08

Dear Sir,

(with linked) Pleas refer to letter no. C 306 dated the 17th January 1908 from the Dt. Supt Kolar, to your address regarding the enhancement of punishment awarded to the Punjabi Watchmen in the K.G.F. riot case and let me know how the matter stands.

Yours Sincerely

Addl. Secy.

To
S. Narayan Rao Esqr.
Govt. Advocate
Bangalore

B.G.
27.2.08

Police file no. 1259 07-08 94

Office of the Government Advocate in Mysore,
Bangalore dated, 7th March 1908.

Dear Sir,

Your D.O. No.2630/Police dated 2nd Instant
Re - the enhancement of sentence awarded -
to the Panjabi watchmen by the Gold Field
Magistrate in Criminal Case No.360 of 07-08.

I have to inform that the appeal preferred by the Panjabees to the Chief Court was heard on the -- 26th February. The Court pronounced judgment yesterday confirming the conviction and enhancing the sentence from three months to six months.

Yours sincerely,

S. Narayana Rao

K. Mylar Rao. Esquire.
Under Secretary to the Government of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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The reply received from the Govt. Advocate is put up. It is stated that the Chief Court confirmed the conviction of the Punjabis and enhanced the sentence from three months to six months. Subd. for orders. Para 14 of the draft order has
13.9.
9.3.08. been omitted and as directed by His Highness, and the result of the appeal of the Punjabis & Chief Court has been embodied in para 15 of the draft order.

Subd for orders as to whether the draft order as now revised may issue.

SN
9/3/08 Secy) 10·3·08 WWD

The order may now issue

CAB
10/3/08.

Issue
10·3·08 WWD

Revised draft submd to Dewan

CAB
10/3/08

In the meanwhile another letter has been received from the Dt. Magte., Kolar.

15 Letter no. C. 349 Dt 9·3·08 from the Dt. Magte. Kolar.

Forwards copies of Chief Court

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Jnquende
re the appeal by and the enhance-
ment of the sentence passed
against the Punjabis and state
that the convictions having been
upheld and sentences against
Punjabis enhanced, justice has been
vindicated and that there now
remains nothing else to be done
in the matter.

Subd.

S.S.
11-3-08. The revised draft is sub-
mitted as per Secretary's orders

Dewan 11.3.08.

8337/12.3.08

Maybe issued

12/3/1908

Issue
sd
14/3/08.

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G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.	
16	To The I. G. of Police The Dt. Magte., Kolar The Chairman of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board No J 2855-57 Dt 18.3.08 Police (25-0) Passes orders on in the matter of the breaches of the Peace.
17	To The A. Resident No PR 757 Dt 18.3.08 Forwards a copy of the above Proceedings.

File No 125.
Serial No 1.
(Clear copy)

Champion Reef
28th Decr '07.

My dear Balasundaram,

Having just returned home from the mine after dispersing the last excited mob of Tamil coolies, I tried to send you the enclosed messages which were late for telegraphic office. So I am sending it to you by special messenger.

I believe there is some standing order about the necessity of reporting such riots to the Residency but I have not been able to get at the said order just this moment it is in camp here.

I have sent a similar message to the Dewan also but feel anxious about the situation & seeing your messages.

Full official report will follow later on. We have made some arrests and the needful is being done to ensure quietude. Till now there has been, I am glad to say, no need for using force and there has been no serious harm to any body either.

If any report to Residency is needed, you will of course do the needful with the message I have sent you. In haste.

Yours sincerely

(Sd) L. Sri Kanteswara Iyer.

[Enclosure to serial No 6]

From Chamberlain Ross

District Magistrate

Bangalore

Secretary to Government.

Dept

On 25th instant 4 Punjabis assaulted a woman. She reported to her husband. He spoke to Punjabis and was beaten. Stones thrown at Punjabis lines. Punjabis came out and beat men women and children in lines.

On 26th six thousand coolies collected and wanted to rush Punjabis lines. Police kept them back and Punjabis were withdrawn from lines to Rifle range. Volunteers called outbut services not called upon. Order was then restored.

On 27th nothing occurred.

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28/1/07

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From

Bangalore — Champion Reefs

General Secretary — Srikanteswarier

No further rioting - Everything quiet 29th. Punjabis again at their posts. Coolies resumed work. Six or eight persons hurt by Punjabis on 25th. Those hurt in 28th riot, five Police, two Europeans. None seriously. Ten Punjabis twentyeight Pariahs in all arrested. Trials commence today.

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No. 266

29th Decr. 1907.

Memo

Post copy submitted

-o The Secretary to the
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S. K. Kantharaj Urs

District Magistrate
Kolar District

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To The Hl. Mahs. Kolar.

Date of issue 31-12-07

Signed by Mr K. Mylar Rao

With reference to his D. O. letter dated the 28th December 1907 this telegram dated the 29th inst re the riot on the Gold fields, has the honor to request that the submission of the official report promised therein may be expedited.

By Order
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31st Dec: 1907.

My dear Mr Ananda Rao,

Many thanks for your D.D. of the 29th. I wrote to Col: Desaraj (or wired, I forget which) to say we do not require any military aid at present.

I enclose herewith a copy of Mr Pritchard's report of the rising, which has occurred down here during the last few days. It might have been a very serious business, but owing to the tact & patience of Mr Pritchard at the beginning, & afterwards of the Dep. Comm., Mr Bowring, & all the European Officers of the Mines, a catastrophe was averted.

I hope now that everything has settled down, & that there will no recurrence of the risings & disturbances.

Will you very kindly forward this report after perusal, to the Secy. of Lover-

ask him to kindly accept it as his official version, as I have no clerks down here with me & no office conveniences.

May I ask you to be so good as to arrange with Col. Desarajlers, to send me some Local service Lancers to take the place of the Special Reserve Police, who I have had to withdraw from the Biasandra Artillery camps — Sixty troops will suffice.

I am also writing to Col. Desarajlers by today's post.

Yours very sincerely

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Sd/ S.M.Pritchard.,

Superintendent of Police,

K. G. F.

31st DECEMBER 1907.

From

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esqr., B.A. B.L.,

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

F. E. C. C a r r Esquire,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Dated Champion Reefs, 31st December 1907.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the report dated the 31st instant, from Mr. S. M. Pritchard, Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, anent the disturbance that has taken place on the Fields between the Punjabis and the Tamil Coolies, and to state that I have only to add to the said full and clear report my expression of gratefulness at the satisfactory way everything has ended so far, due, solely to the admirable tact and temper displayed during the troublous and trying times by Messrs. Pritchard and P. F. Bowring, but for whose cool and level headedness, the course of events that have so happily terminated might have proved disastrous.

I have etc.,

Sd/ C. Srikantesvara Aiyar,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

Dated 31st December 1907.

M e m o r a n d u m.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, with reference to Govt. Pro. No. 7901-39/Mis.1708 dated the 12th December 1900, and in continuation of my Memo No.C.266 dated the 30th instant.

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Sd/ S. M. Pritchard,

Superintendent of Police,
Kolar Gold Fields.

31st December 1907.

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C. Srikantaiya
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

Ordinary Message. 22 file No 1205 Serial No 6

From

Bangalore.

1) General Secretary.

2) Inspector General Police.

Champion Reefs.

Srikantesvarier.

Five out of ten Punjabis convicted. Trials against Tamil Coolies begin tomorrow. Everything quiet.

Sd/ C. Srikantesvara Aiyar.

2nd January 1908.

Dated Champion Reefs, 2nd January 1908.

Post copy submitted to the Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, for information.

District Magistrate,

Kolar District.

272. Dated Camp Champion Reefs, 2nd January 1908.

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Serial No 87

From

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esqr., B.A. B.L.,
District Magistrate, Kolar District.

To

F. E. C. C a r r Esquire,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. C. 267 dated the 31st ultimo and the Telegram dated to-day, anent the Riot on the Kolar Gold Fields, I have the honor to report that there has been no further disturbance since, and everything is quiet.

2. Judgment was pronounced by the Special Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields, to-day, in the case against the ten Punjabis, two of whom were sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment, one to five week's rigorous imprisonment, one to pay a fine of Rs. 15/-, and the remaining five being acquitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ C. Srikantesvara Aiyar.
District Magistrate.

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Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Hi Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, for information, in continuation of Memo No. C. 271 dated to-day.

District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

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Enclosure to Serial No. 7.

In the Court of the Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields.

Dated the 2nd day of January 1908.

Present:- P.F. Bowring Esquire, 1st class Magistrate.

Criminal Case No. 360 of 07-08.

Complainant.		Accused.
	Vs.	
Government.		1. Nawab Khan. 2. Gama. 3. Hasheem Deen. 4. Dost Mahomed. 5. Gulam Mahomed. 6. Mirza Khan. 7. Ali Mardan. 8. Nuthu Khan. 9. Sher Beg. 10. Bostan Khan.

The Police of Champion Reefs charged the accused with rioting, being members of an unlawful assembly and causing hurt &c. at Champion on 25-12-07, Offences punishable under sections 147, 149, 323 and 325 I.P.C.

2. The following witnesses were examined for the prosecution:-

1. Palian.
2. Madurai.
3. Doraisami.
4. Ponnusami.
5. Krishnasami.
6. Subramani.
7. Murugesh.
8. A.Subramani.
9. Chamundi.
10. Tota Bai.
11. Velachi.
12. Poongen.
13. Tulkanam.
14. Sampangi.
15. Krishnasami Modaliar, Hospital Assistant.
16. Rahiman Khan, Head Constable.

3. No exhibits were filed for the prosecution.

4. The statements of the accused were as follows:-

1st accused Nawab Khan.

Q. What have you got to say?.

A. On the 25th at 5-45 P.M. I went on duty from the Lines There were 5 of us. When we came to the road we found some one (second Pro. witness) drunk and he caught hold

of Gama. Gama said I am going on duty, let me go. Then 2nd. Pro. Witness caught hold of my coat. Then Gama pushed the Cooly and said we were going on duty. Then he attacked Gama and we 4 tried to rescue him. We released Gama and said we would take the man to our Subedar. Then several men and women collected and commenced throwing stones. I was hit on the face. So I left and went to the Lines. Several Pariahs followed me to the fence. That is all. Several Coolies threw stones and I went into the Lines.

Q. Did you beat any one in the Lines?.

A. No.

Q. Did you come out of your Lines again?.

A. No. My face was hurt and I did not come out.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. No.

Q. Did you tie up any one in the Lines?.

A. No.

Q. Do you know Paliam?.

A. No. I only came here two months ago.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty."

2nd Accused. Gama.

Q "What have you got to say?.

A. I have the same statement to make as the 1st acc

Q. Do you know Paliam?.

A. No.

Q. Did you stop her and look into her basket?.

A. No.

Q. Did you see her that day?.

A. No.

Q. Did you beat any one in the Lines?.

A. No.

Q. How long have you been here?.

A. Two years.

Q. Have you anything more to say?.

A. No.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. No.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

3rd Accused Hasheem Deen.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. When three coolies were throwing stones I was in the Lines. The Pariahs were coming to the Lines and I went close to the fence and got Hit on my face with a stone. Then I fell down. Several other Panjabis came out. The Subedar came and took away all the Panjabis. Then the Police came.

Q. Did you go out into the Pariahs Lines?.

A. No.

Q. Did you beat any one that day?.

A. I did not.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. No.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

4th Accused - Dost Mahomed.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. When this happened I know nothing. I was with the Subedar in the Lines. 2 Jats were wrestling in the Lines and I was looking at them. When this happened the Rissaldar and I came running. The Subedar also came to the spot. The Subedar told me to take his horse and go and inform the District Superintendent of Police. I mounted the horse and went to Mr. Pritchard's Bungalow. He was not there. Then I went back to the Lines. Several people

were then present. The Police came.

Q. What time was it then?.

A. 6-30.

Q. Did you go into the Cooly Lines?.

A. No.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. The Subedar and the Rissaldar.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty.

5th Accused. Gulam Mahomed.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. I went on duty at 2 P.M. and returned at 6-30. I do not know anything about this.

Q. Where did you go to?.

A. No. 3 Hill Champion Reefs.

Q. Who releved you?.

A. The Naik.

Q. Can you prove this?.

A. Alam Khan was the Naik in charge of the Relief and Neaz Mahomed relieved me.

Q. Are any registers kept?.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

6th Accused. Mirza Khan.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. I was on duty from 2 to 6 and came to the Lines at 6-30 and I do not know anything.

Q. What was going on when you reached the Lines?.

A. There was no disturbance. Only the Police were standing there.

Q. Was it all over?.

A. Nothing happened.Inside the fence were Panjabis and

outside Pariahs.

Q. Where had you been to work?.

A. At Tenant's shaft.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. Alam Khan relieved me.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

7th Accused. Ali Mardan.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. I was washing my face before evening prayers in the Lines. Then I went close to the Line fence. I saw several Pariahs throwing stones. It was difficult to face them. They came to the fence and challenged us. Then a few of us came out and returned again. Then again the Coolies threw stones. Then the Police came afterwards. None were throwing stones at 7 P.M.

Q. How far out of the fence did you come?.

A. I did not come outside.

Q. How many Panjabis went outside?.

A. I cannot say if 15 or 20 went outside.

Q. Can you point out any of them?.

A. No. It was evening time.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. No.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

8th Accused. Nuthu Khan.

"Q. What have you to say?.

A. When I heard the disturbance I came to the fence and got hit with a stone on the face. I fell down and was carried away, I know nothing more.

Q. Did you go out of the Lines?.

A. No.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. Fakeer Mahomed carried me to the Lines.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

9th Accused. Sher Beg.

"Q. What have you to say?.

A. I was preparing my bread in the Lines. I saw Panjabis coming back and the Coolies throwing stones. When the got close to the Lines I closed my door. I was making bread and I know nothing more. Being afraid of stones I did not come out.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. Mutuvali.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

10th Accused. Bostan Khan.

"Q. What have you got to say?.

A. My statement is the same as Nawab Khan. There were fi of us.

Q. Who were the other two?.

A. Another Sher Baz and Fatti Mahomed.

Q. Did you meet any one in the Lines?.

A. No.

Q. How do you account for these Coolies being injured?.

A. I cannot account for it. I am a new man.

Q. Have you any witnesses?.

A. Only God.

Q. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?.

A. Not guilty".

5. The charges framed against accused were as follows:-

" That you Nawab Khan (2) Gama (3) Hasheem Deen (4) D Mahomed (5) Gulam Mahomed (6) Mirza Khan (7) Ali Mard (8) Muthu Khan (9) Sher Beg (10) Bostan Khan on or ab

the 25th day of December 1907 at the Panjabi's Lines situated between the Champion Reef and Mysore Mines properties, joined together in unlawful assembly and used force and violence to several men and women in No 9 Shaft Cooly Lines and thereby committed an offence punishable under sections 147 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance".

2. That you (1) Nawab Khan (2) Gama (3) Hasheem Deen (4) Dost Mahomed (5) Gulam Mahomed (6) Mirza Khan (7)Ali Mardan (8) Nuthu Khan and (10) Bostan Khan on the same day and at the same place voluntarily caused hurt to various men and women in the same Cooly Lines by beating them with latties.one of whom had his collar bone broken and thereby committed an offence punishable under sections 323 and 325 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance".

6. The following witnesses were examined for the defence:-

1. Shukker Khan, Subedar of Panjabis.
2. Sukhi Ram, Jamadar of Panjabis.
3. Alam Khan, Watchman.
4. Niaz Mahomed, Watchman.
5. Fakeer Mahomed, Watchman.
6. Mutuvali, Watchman.
7. Abdul Khalack, Watchman.

and the following exhibits were filed for the defence:-

Ex. A. Duty Register of Panjabis.

Ex. A1. Entry in the above dated 25-12-07 re. the duty of accused.

Judgment.

On the evening of Christmas Day at about 5-30 P.M. a considerable disturbance took place in No. 9 Shaft Cooly Lines of the Mysore Mine. The Police were sent for and matters

matters for the night. It was found that there had been a row between the Panjabi Watchmen, whose lines are close to the Cooly huts, and the coolies. The former had beaten several men and women and the latter had stoned the Panjabi lines. In this case the Panjabis have been charged with committing the offence of rioting and causing simple and grievous hurt.

The whole affair originated owing to a woman named Paliam the 1st Pro. Witness. She has deposed that at 5 P.M. on the 25th she started from her hut to go to the shandy at Robertsonpet when she met 4 Panjabis, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 10th accused.

They stopped her and asked what she had in her basket, and one of them gave it a poke with his stick. She called him some vulgar name and then one of them poked his stick into her hair.

The witness then got frightened and ran away to her hut, but as she found none there she left her basket and went and looked for her husband. She found him at Gilbert Shaft and told him what had happened pointing out the Panjabis who were then following her. Her husband the 2nd Pro. Witness asked the Panjabis what they meant. Whereupon the 1st accused Nawab Khan struck her husband on the head, and the 2nd accused Gama, hit him on the neck while the 3rd accused Hasneem Deen, struck the witness on the head.

The witness cried out and ~~then~~ ran away and then the 4 accused who were there picked up her husband and carried him away to their lines. The witness continuing says, that then their people threw stones and brought sticks and the Panjabis ran away.

Paliam states in answer to a question by the Court tha the 2nd accused when she was stopped on her way to shandy held up his five fingures and made a sign and said in tamil "Pudaiena" meaning "I will give".

The 2nd P.W. Madurai is the husband of Paliam, he relates how his wife came to him and told him what had happened. The 4 Panjabis the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 10th accused were then coming towards them. He asked them what they had been doing and then the 2nd accused struck him on his neck, and the 10th accused gave him a kick. When he asked them why they did this the 1st accused hit him on his back. He then bolted to Kari Mestri's house whither several Panjabis, he then goes on to say, followed him and beat him with sticks. The 4th accused Dost Mahomed came there and picked him up and carried him towards the Panjabi line. His mother asked why they did this and she was beaten on her chest and leg. Then stones were thrown at the Panjabis and they let him go and he went and hid himself in an Overseer's stable.

The witness states that besides the 4th accused 6 other Panjabis helped in carrying him off.

As the witness was hurt he does not know what happened after he reached the Overseer's stable. Doraisami the 3rd witness says he was standing at his hut when three Panjabi came upon him suddenly and beat him on his head and hands he fell down unconscious. When he recovered and got up the 1st accused dragged him to the Panjabi lines. He is unable to identify those who first attacked him at the lines His hands were tied by the 1st accused and an old man gave him three or four blows in his stomach.

4th Pro. Witness Ponnusami says he knew nothing about the row until some Panjabis rushed into his hut beat him and carried him to their lines where they tied him up. He identifies the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th accuseds as the men who carried him and tied him up. On being questioned by the Court he said it was the 1st accused who carried him helped by the 2nd accused and then the 5th accused tied his hands. About 7 O' clock he was released apparently after the Police came

The 5th P.W. Krishnasami a Sanitary Mestri says that hearing a row he came out with his hands in his pocket to see what it was when two Panjabis came from behind and hit him. One of them hit him but before the other could do so he fell into his hut. He says it was the 4th accused who struck him. He admits that he had never seen the 4th accused before and how he could identify him if he came from behind and hit him is not quite clear. He says he knew who the other Panjabi is but he is not amongst the accused. This witness had his collar bone broken.

Subramani the 5th witness was going home from work when he saw Panjabis moving about the lines with latties. When near his hut he was attacked and beaten on the back, hand and arm. He says it was the 5th accused and another who beat him. He ran away and when he came back the Police had arrived. Murugesh the 7th witness was at the Shaft head when he saw people moving about. He asked what was the matter and was told Panjabis were in the lines. He went to see what it was and cried out "don't beat" "don't beat". 3 Panjabis passed him and let him alone but a fourth one whom he does not identify struck him. He says he saw the 5th and 7th accused in the lines but he did not see them strike any one.

A. Subramani the 8th witness came out of his hut to see what the row was about when a Panjabi who is not an the accused struck him on the shoulder with a latti. Th Panjabis he says continued to beat people in the lines.

The 9th witness Chamundi was also beaten by Panjat and was hurt in his right arm and stomach, but is unabl to identify any of his assailants.

The 10th witness Tota Bai was sitting near the Jet house at 5-30 P.M. that day when she heard her brother out she went to see what it was and observed him being en by the 3rd and 6th accused. 3 or 4 other Panjabis st

says hurt her but she can only identify these two. She herself was dragged by her cloth but she does not know who did so. Velachi the 11th witness was sitting at her door when three Panjabis came and beat her with sticks - she identifies the 1st and 3rd accused.

Poongen was also beaten and identifies the third accused as one of those who beat him.

Tulkanam deposes that Panjabis came and kicked at her door. They entered the hut and beat her on her left arm. The 6th accused, she states, is the man who beat her, but I have some doubt as to whether her identification is correct.

The 14th P.W. is P.C. Sampangi, he was on his way to Stevens Camp in undress when he saw a crowd and Panjabis beating people with latties. He identifies the 1st, 3rd 7th and 8th accused. This witness is certain that he saw the 7th accused beat some women, and he is also able to identify some of those who were hurt.

The 15th witness is Hospital Assistant Krishnasami Modr. After the row he treated 3 Panjabis and 7 Pariahs sent to him by the Police, as well as two other Pariahs who came by themselves. Of the Panjabis the 1st and 3rd accused he identifies as well as the other witnesses who have been hurt. All the wounds were simple ones except that of Krishnasami who had his right collar bone broken. Head Constable Abdul Rahiman 16th Pro. Witness was at the Station when he heard a disturbance going on. He went to the lines with some constables and saw the 1st and 9th accused running to their lines and Pariahs throwing stones. He found Doraisami and Ponnusami tied up in the Panjabi lines and had them released.

He stayed in the lines that night and nothing further happened. The 1st accused Nawab Khan states that he was going on duty with 4 others when they met the 2nd Pro. Witness Madurai drunk and that the latter caught hold of Gama the 2nd accused, and the 1st accused by his coat. Gama pushed him away

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when the man attacked Gama and the Panjabis tried to rescue him and at the same time take him to the Subedar. Then several men and women collected and commenced to throw stones ar as he got at the face he went to the lines. He denies that h ever came out again and went into the Pariah line, and says he does not know the woman Paliam. The 2nd accused makes the same statement and so does the 10th accused. None of the thr accused cited any witness.

The 3rd accused Hasheem Deen says he came to the line fence when the row was on and was struck with a stone in the fence and fell down. He denies that he went to the lines afterwards. He has no witnesses.

The 4th accused Dost Mahomed says that when the row com menced he was watching a wrestling match in the Panjabi line and that the Subedar of Panjabis told him to take his horse and go to inform the Superintendent of Police as to what was happening. Accordingly he did so and returned when the row was over. He has had the Subedar and Rissaldar examined in his behalf.

The 5th and 6th accused Gulam Mahomed and Mirza Khan say they were on duty that day from 3 to 6 P.M. and that when the were relieved and came to their lines the affair was over. They have examined the Naik who brought the relief, and the men who relieved them, together with the duty register. The 7th accused Ali Mardan says when the row began he was washing his face. He came out to see what was the matter and saw several Pariahs throwing stones. He admits that some of the Panjabis 15 or so in number he says, came out of their lines and returned again, but says he did not go out himself. He has no witnesses.

Nuthu Khan the 8th accused says he came out of his hut to the fence to see what the row was when he was hit with a stone on the face and fell down and was carried away and knew nothing more. He has examined one witness on his behalf.

The 9th accused Sher Beg says he was making bread in the lines when he saw Panjabis coming back to the lines and coolies throwing stones. Being afraid he shut his doors and did not come out. He has examined his chum who was with him in the same hut to prove this.

The Panjabi Subedar Shukker Khan and the Jamadar Sukhi Ram have been examined as Defence witnesses on behalf of the 4th accused Dost Mahomed. From their evidence it appears that Sukhi Ram returned to the lines that evening and found a wrestling match in progress, with Dost Mahomed as one of the spectators. While the match was going on information came of the row that was going on in the lines and Sukhi Ram and Dost Mahomed left, they ~~left~~ met the Subedar Shukker Khan who ordered Dost Mahomed to take his horse and go and inform the Superintendent of Police of what was transpiring. Dost Mahomed accordingly went off on this errand and did not return until the affair was over. I am quite ~~not~~ convinced that this evidence is true and it only remains to be seen whether Dost Mahomed could have had a go at the coolies in the lines before he went off on his errand.

The evidence against him is that of Madurai the 2nd P. and Krishnasami who had his collar bone broken. Madurai say that this accused with others carried him to the lines but I am inclined to think that this evidence is very doubtful. No doubt he was carried away but that Dost Mahomed was one of them I think is under the circumstances very improbable and the witness is most likely mistaken.

As for Krishnasami he has stated that the Panjabi who attacked him came from behind and that after being struck he fell down in his hut. I have no doubt this is true but at the same time it is unlikely that the man can be sure wh the person was who struck him if he approached from behind and therefore I cannot rely on his evidence that it was th 4th accused that struck him.

For these reasons I find Dosti Mahomed 4th accused not guilty and acquit him.

The 5th and 6th accused Gulam Mahomed and Mirza Khan have satisfactorily proved by evidence adduced on their behalf that they were on duty from 2 P. M. to 6 P.M. when they were relieved from their posts. There is no doubt whatever about this and the evidence of their witnesses is borne out by the entries in the Duty Register Ex. A for the defence.

It is of course possible that they may have returned from duty in time to have taken part in the affray but on consideration of the evidence adduced in their behalf and the fact that the affair took place at about 5-30 P.M., th are in my opinion fully entitled to the benefit of the dou and I acquit them also.

The 8th accused Nuthu Khan says he was hit with a sto on the face at the beginning of the affair and that he was carried away. He has examined one witness Fakeer Mahomed w corroborates his statement. There is only the evidence of one Pro. Witness against him P.C. Sampangi and this witnes may possibly have been mistaken as Nuthu Khan somewhat res bles the 3rd accused in appearance. There being no corrobo tive evidence against him I acquit him as well.

Against the 9th accused Sher Beg there is only the ev dence of one witness namely Head constable Rahiman Khan an he says he only saw the accused running towards the lines.

In defence the accused has examined one witness, who chums with him in his hut, and he says that the accused wa making bread and when the disturbance took place he shut t door and did not go out. I am of opinion that this accused also is entitled to the benefit of the doubt and I acquit him too.

As for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th accused the evide against them admits of no doubt that they are guilty of ha ing ruched into the cooly lines and having beaten people.

The 10th accused also, there is no doubt, was concerned with the 1st and 2nd accused in beating Paliam and her husband. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd accused behaved very badly and there can be no excuse for the way they indiscriminately beat every one they came across, except that the 1st and 3rd accused received slight injuries themselves. The behaviour of the 7th accused was not quite so bad. He is an oldish man and there is evidence that he beat a woman which is bad enough but his conduct does not quite come up to that of the 1st three accused.

The 10th accused also although he interfered in the beginning with Paliam and her husband, does not seem to have taken such an active part in subsequent events as the other accused did and there is no evidence against him that he assaulted any one in the lines or was even present there. During the course of this enquiry the Court asked all the Prosecution witnesses what was the ill feeling existing between the Panjabis and the Pariahs, but none of them were able to give any reason.

The Subedar however when he was examined made it clear that there had been misunderstanding between them for sometime regarding the water tap in the lines. He stated that he has repeatedly told the woman Paliam not to come and draw water there, and that on one occasion she abused the Panjabis and threatened them that something would happen to them some day.

I think there can be no doubt that this started the ill feeling, which was brought to a head by the conduct of the 2nd accused Gama who I have no doubt whatever accosted Paliam that evening. There is also no doubt that many other Panjabis besides those who have been brought to book rushed into the Cooly lines that evening and started beating people with latties, but they did so in my opinion solely because their

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temper was roused at having stones so freely thrown at tl lines and at their comrades for no particular reason tha they could be aware of at the time.

Presumably it was not possible to identify all these and consequently they have not been brought to trial. Th there is any other real grievance against the Panjabis e ployed on the Field as Watchmen I very much doubt. They their work well which to a certain section of the Pariah is of course distasteful.

The Court finds Nawab Khan, Gama, Hasheem Deen, Ali dan guilty of the offences with which he was charged and sentences Nawab Khan, Gama, and Hasheem Deen to three mo Rigorous imprisonment each and Ali Mardan to five weeks rous imprisonment.

Bostan Khan is found guilty under section 323 only a is sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 15/- in default to suff 14 days Rigorous imprisonment.

Signed/ P.F. Bowring.
1st class Magistrate.

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No. C-274

District Magistrate's Office,
Kolar District,
Camp Champion Reefs, 5th January 1908.

From

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esqr., B.A. B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Genl. & Rev. Depts.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, in detail, on the breach of the peace which occurred in the Kolar Gold Fields, as follows:-

2. At 5.30 P.M. on the 25th December 1907, a (serious) disturbance took place at No. 9 Shaft, Mysore Mines Coolie lines, owing to a row between the Punjabi Watchmen whose lines are close to the Coolie huts and the Tamil Coolies. At about 5 P.M., a woman named Paliem started from her hut for the Shandy at Robertsonpet when she met four Punjabis, Nawab Khan, Gama, Hasheem Deen and Bostan Khan. They stopped her and questioned her what she had in her basket, while Gama made some indecent signs and another poked her head with a stick. She got frightened and ran to her hut and finding her husband, Madurai, near Gilbert Shaft, told him what had transpired and pointed out to him the Punjabis that were chasing her. Madurai asked the Punjabis what they were about, whereupon Nawab Khan and Gama hit him and Bostan Khan kicked him. On his crying out, all of them seized him and carried him away to their lines, other Punjabis joining and

beating him with sticks. When his mother intervened and remonstrated, she was also beaten. Other Tamil Coolies then interfered and rescued Madurai from the Punjabis, and the latter reinforced by several others of their comrades, thereupon made a sortie and beat several men, women and children whom they found in the adjoining coolie huts. Two coolies were also dragged off to the Punjabi lines and confined there, presumably, with the idea of preferring complaints against them of having pelted stones at them.

3. On hearing of the disturbance, Head Constable Rahiman Khan with six constables from the Champion Reefs Police station, went to the spot and succeeded in persuading the Punjabis to release their prisoners and the coolies to return quietly to their huts, which are about 45 to 50 yards from the Punjabi lines. This was at about 7 P.M. On the information reaching the Superintendent of Police, Mr. S.M.Pritchard, he visited the place at about 7.45 P.M. and found everything was quiet and it was thought that the disturbance had ended.

4. The next morning, viz., the 26th, at 8 A.M., before investigation against the offending Punjabis could be made, the Tamil Coolies mustered in large force and began to attack the Punjabi lines with stones. The Superintendent of Police who proceeded to the spot found an excited crowd of several thousands of coolies being held back with difficulty, by 30 of the local Police under Inspector G.Norris, from rushing into the Punjabi quarters. There was a good deal of promiscuous stone throwing and several ugly rushes on the part of the crowd. No one was however seriously injured and the crowd was eventually persuaded to

disperse at about 12 noon.

5. Mr. P.F.Bowring, the Special Magistrate, who was at Betamangala, was telephoned and he returned immediately. After quieting the disturbance, both Messrs. Pritchard and Bowring met at 2 P.M. on the Coolie lines and took down detailed statements of everyone who had any complaints to make, and Mr. Pritchard assured them all that the Punjabis that were to blame would be brought to justice. He also assured the Coolies who did not want the Punjabis so close to their huts, that they would be removed from that place and never again allowed to return thither. This assurance pacified the coolies and helped the march of the Punjabis away to the Rifle Range.

6. Thereupon, Mr. Pritchard wired to me as follows:- "Riot between Punjabis and Pariahs. Everything quiet. Precautions taken. Your presence necessary." This telegram reached me by post, late next evening, while I was away at Chintamani on Jamabandi.

7. On the 27th idem, everyhting continued to be quiet, the whole day being spent in further investigation. The Coolies could not name any Punjabis and had to identify them. A detachment of 20 Officers and men of the Special Reserve Force which had been despatched from Bangalore reached the Fields this night at 8.30 by Motor train.

8. On the 28th morning, the Punjabis were all mustered at the Rifle Range and the identification from amongst them of the offenders by those that had been assaulted on the 25th evening took more than 3 hours and the Police had to make sure of evidence before arresting any of them.

9. While matters sttod thus on the 28th, at about 3 P.M., when the Punjabis were marching up to change guards at various Mills and posts at the Mysore Mine, the coolies who were just about to go underground at Ribblesdale Shaft saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work, started to collect in excited groups near the posts where the Punjabis were stationed and began to throw stones. The Police - 11 Officers and 50 men - attempted to disperse the crowd. In the melee several constables and two or three Europeans were hit with stones, but none was badly hurt. Lt. Col.G. Paterson, Chief Engineer of the Mysore Mine, who happened to be on the spot, asked Mr. Bowring if the Volunteers should be called out. Mr. Bowring asked him to keep them in readiness. Later on when it was found that the Police on the spot, though equal to dispersing the crowd, would be unable to cope with the situation, if arrests were needed, the assistance of the Volunteers was requisitioned at 4 P.M. when a detachment of A and B Companies of the Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers appared on the scene. On the whole Force advancing on the crowd, the Coolies retreated to their lines, where 28 of them were arrested by the Police and escorted to the Marikuppam Police station and locked up there. It was about 5 o'clock in the evening. The crowd again collected, presumably, with the intention of trying to get the prisoners released, and would not disperse. A detachment of C and D Companies of the Volunteers then turned up, accompanied by Adjutant Captain Kidd. As the mob declined to disperse, the Volunteers, numbering in all 10 Officers and 110 men, advanced in extended order and the rioters retreated towards the old

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Government Civil Hospital. The Volunteers then retired.

10, (I) had arrived at the Fields (just at nick of time) about 5.30 P.M. Seeing the huge crowd gathering round it and instead of dispersing wended their way towards the Hospital creating further disturbance, (I) he followed them thither and found them boisterous and pelting stones on the roof smashing windows and rushing at the doors, demanding the inmates to surrender the Policeman who had got in there. The Head Constable, Rahiman Khan who was being dressed for a bad cut on his head, being frightened at their rushing at him, discharged a gun loaded with buck shot which slightly hurt one of the coolies, who thereupon became more furious and showered volleys of stones from all sides. On (my) his hastening into their midst, bawling out in Tamil to cease fire and disturbance, the coolies recognised my voice and cried out that "Peri Dorai" had come, they need have no more fear, they should quiet down and represent their grievances. On (my) his assuring them that (I) he would personally enquire into their grievances, if any, they felt reassured and gathered around (me) him, began to sob, cry and complain that they had come all the way from their distant homes to work underground and at great personal risks and sacrifices, that when they were absent from their huts on such hazardous tasks, the Punjabis went after and molested their women, assaulted old and young in their huts, trumped up false charges against them, annoyed and teased them in so many ways and that when the Punjabis were caught assaulting them, instead of punishing them, they themselves were set against them which only helped them to contrive and bring them to

further

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grief and that when they protested against such acts, their own comrades were arrested and taken away to the Police station etc., and that they would never have anything to do with the Punjabis. When I explained to them at great length that in spite of their allegations, it was illegal and wrong of them to have taken the law into their own hands, that they were unwise in pelting stones and causing a disturbance, that it was Messrs. Pritchard and Bowring's great forbearance that had averted a fire which would have been so disastrous to them, that their charges against the Punjabis in general were unreasonable but that all specific complaints against any individual would be carefully gone into and whoever that had molested them would be arrested and brought to justice, they expressed satisfaction and went away to their huts saying they would leave everything in my hands. This was at about 8 P.M.

11. As the Mines authorities natuarally felt uneasy about the situation, I patrolled the more important of the Coolie lines about midnight and found everything quiet and whomever I met felt convinced that they should not have taken the law into their own hands.

12. On the morning of the 29th, ten Punjabis who took part in the disturbance of the 25th idem were arrested. When both Messrs. Bowring and I went over several of the Coolie lines and spoke to the people explaining to them of their folly, they were readily convinced of it and the more elderly of them repented of the action of those that had gone wrong under misunderstanding.

13. There have been no signs of further rioting

and everything has continued to be quiet. The Coolies resumed work on the 29th morning and the Punjabis are again at their posts.

14. The Inspector General of Police who was away at the Gersoppa Falls on the 27th managed to reach the Field on the 29th at midday, having ordered 50 of the Reserve Police and an Inspector at Birasandra to join duty at the Gold Fields without delay. These men reported themselves on the 30th morning at the Gold Fields.

15. There is now a force of 90 Reserve Police, including 2 Inspectors, on the Fields and they with the local Police will be able to keep the peace on the Fields should there be any further disturbance. A force of 100 men of the Imperial Service Regiment is also held in readiness to proceed to the Fields should the necessity arise.

16. As far as can be ascertained, this outbreak on the part of the Mine Coolies seems to have been directly due to the molestation by certain Punjabis of the woman Paliem and also to a general feeling against the Punjabis for the way they have been conducting the search of Coolies at Shaft heads on the various Mines for some time past.

17. The judicial enquiry is proceeding and five out of the ten Punjabis concerned have been convicted and sentenced, the punishments ranging from a fine of 15 rupees to rigorous imprisonment for 3 months. The trial of the Tamil Coolies has commenced, the result of which will be communicated in due course, and a further report submitted when the trials have been concluded.

18. Here I may be permitted to add my expression

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of thankfulness at the satisfactory way everything has ended, due solely to the admirable tact and temper displayed during the troublous and trying times of the afternoon of the 28th, by Messrs. S.M.Pritchard and P.F.Bowring, but for whose cool and level headedness and not allowing firing, the course of events that have so happily terminated might have proved so disastrous.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Kantharajaiah

District Magistrate,

Kolar District.

List of Officers and Men of the Special Reserve and the Kolar Gold Fields Police, and the Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers, that were on duty in the Riot of 28th Decr 1907.

	Officers.	Men.	
Special Reserve Police.	2	18	
Kolar Gold Fields Police.	9	32	
Total	11	50	
Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers.	10	110	With Rifles, side arms & bayonets.
Second detachment of the Special Reserve Police that subsequently arrived from Bangalore.	5	61	
Strength of the Special Reserve now on the Gold Fields.	7	79	

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Chief Commandant
Mysore State Troops.

Date of issue 6-1-08

Signed by Mr K. Mysore Rao

Sir,

As it is reported that 50 of the Spl. Reserve Police and ~~an Inspector~~ a Police Inspector have been withdrawn from the Artillery Practice Camp at Biraswamy on account of the recent riots on the K.S.T. I am directed to request you to be so good as to arrange to send out a detachment

over.

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SUBJECT.

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50 rounds to take
the place of the above
mentioned Reserve force
at Birasumba. I have &c

C&B
W.W. Secretary

Approved G. Owen
P.O. Lee
4/1/08

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FROM

The Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated 9th

Despatched 9th January 1908

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General No. 4566
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Enclosure No. 3

Reporting about the riots that took place at the Kolar Gold Fields between the Panjabis & the Pariah Coolies.

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No. 4566 & c 3 / 41 Office of the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore, 9th January 190 8.

From

F. E. C. CARR, Esq.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B.A.,
~~K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, Esq., B.A., B.L.,~~
Offg. *Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government copies of the marginally noted correspondence received from the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Kolar District, anent the riots that took place on the Kolar Gold Fields between the Punjabis and the Pariahs.

1. Report dated 30th December 07 from the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.
2. Letter No. 167 dated 30th December 07 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar Dt. to This Office.

I went there on the 29th December 1907 and remained till the 1st instant. Necessary Police arrangements have been made to prevent a recurrence of the disturbances, and the latest report goes to show that everything is quiet, and is likely to continue so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

No.C.272. Dated Camp Champion Reefs, 2nd January 1908

From,

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
District Magistrate, Kolar District.

To,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.C.267 dated the 31st ultimo and the telegram dated today, anent the Riot on the Kolar Gold Fields, I have the honour to report that there has been no further disturbance since, and everything is quiet.

2. Judgment was pronounced by the Spècial Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields, today in the case against the ten Punjabis, ~~two~~ three of whom were sentenced to 3 month' rigorous imprisonment, one to 5 weeks' rigorous imprisonment, one to pay a fine of Rs 15/- and the remaining five being acquitted.

I have &c.,
(Sd) C. Srikanteswara Aiyar.
District Magistrate.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

NO: c 267. Dated Camp Champion Reefs, 30th December 07

From

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the report dated the 30th instant from Mr. S. M. Pritchard, Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, anent the disturbance that has taken place on the Fields between the Punjabis and the Tamil coolies and to state that I have only to add to the said full and clear report my expression of gratefulness at the satisfactory way everything has ended so far, due solely to the admirable tact and temper displayed during the troublous and trying times by Messrs Pritchard and P. F. Bowring, but for whose cool and level headedness, the course of events that have so happily terminated might have proved disastrous.

I have &c.,

(Sd) C. Srikanteswara Aiyar.

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

C.SRIKANTESWARA AIYER ESQ, B.A. B.L.,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,

KOLAR DISTRICT.

ir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a brief report of he circumstances which led to, and to the disturbances which re-ulted in, the riots occurring on the 25th night and the 26th and 8th idem.

(1) It was reported to me at 7-30 p.m. on the 25th evening hat a disturbance had taken place in the Mysore Coolie lines, wing to a woman having been molested by four Punjabi Watchmen. hese four men were said to have assaulted the woman's husband hen he protested, and to have attempted to drag him off to their unjabi Lines.

This led to the rescue of the man by the Pariah coolies. he Punjabis then appear to have made a sortie, being reinforced y several other Punjabis and to have beaten several men, women nd children, whom they found in the pariah huts adjoining, and ragged off two of the pariahs to their lines where they confined hem, presumably with the idea that they would subsequently make ome complaint against them.

A Head Constable with some constables, on hearing the ubbub, then went to the spot and eventually persuaded the Punjabis o release their prisoners and the pariahs to return quietly to heir huts. When I went there at 7-45 p.m. I found everything uiet, and during the night no disturbance took place, and it was oped that that was the end of the business.

(2) At 8 a.m., however, the next morning, I was informed that the pariahs had mustered in force and were attacking the Punjabi lines with stones.

NO: c 267. Dated Camp Champion Reefs, 30th December 07

From

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the report dated the 30th instant from Mr. S. M. Pritchard, Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, anent the disturbance that has taken place on the Fields between the Punjabis and the Tamil coolies and to state that I have only to add to the said full and clear report my expression of gratefulness at the satisfactory way everything has ended so far, due solely to the admirable tact and temper displayed during the troublous and trying times by Messrs Pritchard and P. F. Bowring, but for whose cool and level headedness, the course of events that have so happily terminated might have proved disastrous.

I have &c.,

(Sd) C. Srikanteswara Aiyar.

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

I went down at once, and found an enormous crowd of several thousand coolies in a very excited condition, being held back with difficulty by a small body of police under Inspector Norris, from rushing the Punjabi quarters.

There was a good deal of promiscuous stone throwing and several ugly rushes on the part of the crowd, but no one was seriously injured and the crowd were eventually persuaded to disperse at about 12 noon.

This was exceedingly fortunate as there is no doubt that if the Pariah crowd and Punjabi watchmen had come into actual hand to hand conflict there would have been several fatalities. The police behaved well during this exceedingly trying ordeal.

(3) No further disturbances took place during that afternoon or on the 26th night; and everything remained quiet during the next day and night (27th). This time was employed in removing the Punjabis from their lines, which were dangerously near the coolie huts, and in enquiring into the various cases of alledged assault on both sides. A detachment of the Reserve Police twenty five men and officers who had been despatched from Bangalore at my urgent request reached the Field this afternoon, (27th).

(4) On the 28th at 3 p.m. when the Punjabis were marching up to change guard at the various Mills and posts on the Mysore Mine the coolies who were just about to go underground at Ribblesdale Shaft saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work and started to collect in excited groups near the posts where the Punjabis were stationed, and began stone throwing. The police attempted to disperse the crowd without effect; and several constables and two Europeans and myself were hit with stones though not seriously hurt. Things were looking pretty serious when the Volunteer employees of the Mysore Mine appeared on the scene in the nick of time. The Volunteers then advanced on the crowd who retreated to their lines, where the police made 28 arrests in all of the ring leaders, who were escorted by part of the police and volunteers

ıe Marikuppam Police Station and locked up. This was about 5 'clock in the evening.

The crowds then again collected and assumed a somewhat ıreatening attitude, with the intention no doubt of attempting to escue the prisoners. Another company of Volunteers from Champion eefs then appeared on the scene accompanied by the Adjutant aptain Kidd and Mr Rennie, Assistant Resident, who happened to be n the Field on a visit. The Volunteers then made a demonstration dvancing in extended order on the crowd which eventually dispersed nd the prisoners were then marched to the Champion Reefs Station here they were locked up for the night.

A slight disturbance took place about this time also nea he Government Civil Hospital, where the windows were broken with tones by the rowdies, one of whom was slightly hurt with buck hot from a gun discharged by someone in the Civil Hospital, where .he inmates were greatly alarmed at the crowd surrounding the ›uilding.

(5) No further disturbance occurred during the night and everything remained quiet during the next day and night. On the ıorning of the 29th ten of the Punjabis, who had been previously ldentified, were arrested.

(6) As far as can be ascertained up to the present, the main causes for this outbreak of lawlessness on the part of the Mine coolies appear to have been due to the molesting by certain of the Punjabis of the Pariah women; and with the general feeling of resentment against the Punjabis generally, for the way in which th had been conducting the search of coolies at the shaft heads.

(7) The Special Magistrate was present during the whole of the rioting on the 28th, and the Deputy Commissioner, who was away in Camp at a distance from the Field, was fortunately able t› return that same afternoon, and both Officers were of the very gr› test assistance, then and after, in quieting the crowds and explaining to them that all their grievances would be carefully

looked into and redressed if they discontinued in their attempts to take the law into their own hands.

The Inspector General of Police who was away at the Jersappa Falls on the 27th managed to reach the Field on the 29th at midday; having ordered fifty of the Reserve Police and an Inspector at Birasandra to join duty at the Gold Fields without delay.

These men reported themselves on the 30th morning at the Gold Fields.

There is now a force of about 90 Reserve Police and two Inspectors present, and it is hoped that this force and the ordi K.G.F. Police, backed by the Volunteers, will be able to keep th rowdies on the Field in check, should there be any further outbr

In case however this combined force is unable to cope with any future emergency, Col Desaraj Urs has promised to keep one hundred men of the Imperial Service Lancers in readiness to assist us should the necessity arise.

(8) Up till now (31st Dec:) there have been no signs of further rioting, and everything seems quiet, the Punjabis are ag at their posts, and the coolies have resumed work.

About 8 or 10 persons were assaulted and hurt by the Punjabis at the start. Those hurt in the riots of the 28th were five policemen and two Europeans, none seriously.

Charge sheets are being prepared for submission to the Special Magistrate, who will take up the cases against the ten Punjabis on the 31st

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Sd/ S.M.Pritchard.

Superintendent of Police,

K. G. F.

31st DECEMBER 1907.

" C O P Y. "

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File No. 125

Serial No 11

Ordinary Message.

From

Bangalore — Champion Reefs.

1) Secretary to Government — District Magistrate

2) Inspector General of Police

Trial against Tamil coolies concluded. Five sentenced six months, five three months rigorous imprisonment each. Five discharged.

9th Jany. 1908.

Sd/ C. Srikantesvara Aiyar,

District Magistrate.

No C. 278.

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M e m o r a n d u m.

Post copy submitted to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, for information, in continuation of my letter No. C. 274 dated the 5th instant.

Srikantesvara

District Magistrate,

Kolar District.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,
MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

No. 205 Camp Hoskote, The 9th January 1908.
Enc. —

From

LIEUT.-COL. J. DESARAJ URS, M.V.O.,
CHIEF COMMANDANT, MYSORE STATE TROOPS,
BANGALORE.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr: B.A.
Offg Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments

Sir,

With reference to your letter No:
J 2012 dated 6th Instant, I have
police 125-07
the honor to inform you that ten Sowars
of the Local Service Regiment, have
been detailed for Police duties at the
Artillery Practice Camp at Birasandra
as per communication received from
the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore
District.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

J Desaraj Urs
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Commandant
State Troops

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FROM

The Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Dated 13

Despatched 13 January 1908

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General No. 4652

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16/1/08

In re the riots on the
Kolar Gold Fields.

File No 125 60 J1810.
Serial No 13

No. 4652 Genl / 424

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MY

Dated Bangalore, 13th January 1908.

FROM

F. E. H. Hearn Esquire,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

H. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq, B.A,
Offg *Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 4566/410 dated 9th January 1908 in re the riot on the Kolar Gold Fields, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government, copy of Telegram received from the District Magistrate, Kolar, reporting that the case against the Pariah Coolies was concluded, that 10 of them were convicted — 5 to 6 months, another 5 to 3 months rigorous imprisonment each, and the remaining 5 were discharged.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Inspector General of Police.

Copy of telegram received from the District Magistrate, Kolar, dated 9-1-08.

Trial against 7 accused. five Sentenced six months. five Three months rigorous imprisonment each. five discharged.

F. C. Cearns
Inspector General of Police.

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District Magistrate's Office,

Kolar District,

Camp Royalpad, 17th January 1908.

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Letter No

From

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esqr., B.A. B.L.,

District Magistrate, Kolar District.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B.A.,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja

of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my Memorandum No. C. 278 dated the 9th instant, forwarding post copy of telegram informing of the conclusion of the trial of the Tamil Coolies, concerned in the Riot on the Kolar Gold Fields, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, copies of the Judgments in the said case as well as in that against the Punjabis, and to state that, as mentioned in my last report dated the 5th instant, there has been no further disturbance since the night of the 28th ultimo, and that after the arrest of the Punjabis everything has continued to be as quiet as ever.

2. Both the last Pay Shandy and the Pongal festival have passed off very smoothly, the Punjabis and the Tamil Coolies moving about quite freely, without the least sign of any ill feeling or annoyance against each other. There is now no apprehension of any more trouble, which has ended without any serious mishap to anybody concerned.

3. The causes of the disturbance are as already reported due to a general feeling of resentment against the Punjabis for the way in which they were conducting the search of coolies at the Shaft heads and to the annoyance caused by a few of the Punjabis to their womenfolk, aggravated by a

misapprehension, on the part of irresponsible youths carried away by the excitement of the moment, that the Law was not sufficiently strong against the Punjabis.

4. The more elderly and influential members of the community never joined the rowdies and the moment justice was vindicated, the whole disturbance ceased, which is a matter for congratulation, as otherwise, things might have taken quite a different turn and probably not have ended as satisfactorily as now.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Kandaswamy

District Magistrate,

Kolar District.

In the Court of the Assistant Commissioner and
1st: Class Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields.
Dated the 8th day of January 1908.

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PRESENT.

P.F. Bowring Esquire, 1st. class Magistrate.

Criminal Case No. 372 of 1907-08.

Complainant.	.US.	Accused.
Government.		1. A.Munisami.
		2. Armogam.
		3. Ponnen.
		4. Perumal.
		5. Chellan.
		6. Chendi alias Ponne.
		7. Vellore Kuppen.
		8. Arsen.
		9. Kanden.
		10. Chinnapien.
		11. Maddrey.
		12. Muthen.
		18. Gangan.
		14. V. Andi.
		15. Latchmana.

Police of Marikuppam charged the accused with being members of an unlawful assembly and rioting at Mysore Mines on 28-12-07. Offences punishable under sections 145 and 147 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. The following witnesses were examined for the prosecution.

1. Mr. S.M.Pritchard, Superintendent of Police.
2. Mahamed Hassain, Police Inspector.
3. Mr. G.Norris, Divisional Inspector.
4. Mr. J.Wilby, Assistant Supervisor of watchmen.
5. Mr. G.Rowlands, Quartz yard Foreman.
6. Mr. E.H. Bast, Underground Assistant.
7. Rahiman Khan, Head Constable.
8. Peter, Driver.
9. G. Walton, Police Inspector.
10. R.F.Walton, Head Constable.
11. Mr. C.Everard, Divisional Inspector.
12. Captain B.G.Kidd, Adjutant K.G.F. Volunteers.
13. Mr. T.D.Thomas Engineer.
14. Mr. R.R.Thompson, Assistant Underground Agent.

3. Exhibit A a list written by the Superintendent of Mysore Mines to the Superintendent of Police Kolar Gold Fields.

4. The statements of the accused were as follows:-

1st: accused Munisami.

QUESTION:

"What have you got to say?

ANSWER I and the other coolies finished our work quickly that day and went away to our huts about 2.30. After taking food I went to Champion Reefs. I returned home at 5 P.M. about On my way I was seized by the Officers in a silk head dress (Rahiman Khan) He said he would let me go but he locked me up in Marikuppam Police Station. Unjustly Peter deposed against me that I threw a stone on a Dorai's head. If I had assulted a Dorai I would have runaway, being innocent I stood in the crowd. Peter is my enemy owing to an assault case that took place some time ago. Another boy Krishnan was arrested but he got him release.

QUESTION.

Did you throw stones at the Panjabies?

ANSWER.

No

QUESTION

Did you go to Crocker's Shaft?

ANSWER.

No

QUESTION.

Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.

No

QUESTION.

Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.

Not guilty."

2nd: accused Armogam.

QUESTION.

What have you got to say?

ANSWER.

At 1.15. I was coming from home to go to work. I reached the Office at 3.30.P.M. I went to the blacksmith's shop to get my jumpers sharpened. Then Dorais were going towards Crocker's Shaft as I came out of the blacksmith shop. A Dorai came and seized me. He told me not to be afraid and took me and handed me over to a constable. 28 persons were arrested, now there are only 15. I am alone and cook for myself.

QUESTION.

Did you go to Taylor's or Crockers Shaft that day?

ANSWER.

No

QUESTION.

Have you anything more to say?

ANSWER.

The Dorai told me I could go to work after I had been to the Station.

QUESTION.

Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No.

QUESTION%
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty."

3rd: accused Ponnen.

"QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
I came to surface at 5 P.M. At 5.30. I was standi near the gate of the Carpenter's shop. Those that have been arrested, the Police and Officers all came there. Then I was also arrested. I was told to come to the Marikuppam Police Station. 28 persons were arrested, there are now 15 the rest were released.

QUESTION.
Did you go to Taylor's Shaft?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty.

4th: accused Perumal.

QUESTION
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
On Saturday I worked till 2 P.M. at th then went home. After taking my food I came back to the cyanide heap and was playing marbles. I saw a lot of cc and Punjabies fighting at Crockers and Taylor's shafts. 5 pies and a marble. Another ~~was~~- boy was with me he ha stone in his hand. They came (Rahiman Khan) came and ar both of us. We were both handed to another Police man a

ANSWER.
No.

QUESTION%
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty."

3rd: accused Ponnen.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
I came to surface at 5 P.M. At 5.30. I was standing near the gate of the Carpenter's shop. Those that have been arrested, the Police and Officers all came there. Then I was also arrested. I was told to come to the Marikuppam Police Station. 28 persons were arrested, there are now 15 the rest were released.

QUESTION.
Did you go to Taylor's Shaft?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty.

4th: accused Perumal.

QUESTION
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
On Saturday I worked till 2 P.M. at the cyanide and then went home. After taking my food I came back to the cyanide heap and was playing marbles. I saw a lot of coolies and Punjabies fighting at Crockers and Taylor's shafts. I had 5 pies and a marble. Another ~~was~~- boy was with me he had a stone in his hand. They came (Rahiman Khan) came and arrested both of us. We were both handed to another Police man and

taken to Taylor's Shaft Office. The boy's brother came and told me the Policemen to let us go as the Superintendent had ordered it. We were released near the blacksmith's shop. I got up on the coal heap and ran towards bazaar. While standing in front of the bazaar Mr. Walton came and seized me. I was made to sit where the Volunteers were standing in the road. A miner asked what I had in my hand. Mr. Willis I showed him the marble and he snatched it away. From there we were taken and locked up at the Marikuppam Police Station. From there we were taken to the Champion Reefs Station. I was searched and 5 pies taken from me and my waist thread.

QUESTION.
Did you throw any stones?

ANSWER.
I only stood on the coal heap.

QUESTION
Did any one tell you to go away that day?

ANSWER.
A Police told me not to stop there and gave me a blow and I ran away.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION .
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty."

5th accused Chellan.

"QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
I went to work at 7 oclock shift and at 6 P.M. I ca up from underground took a bath in the tank and went home f my meals. After taking my food I was seated on the threshol of my hut. A lot of people were arrested near my house. I went to see what it was and I also was arrested. So many

Dorais were present has any one identified me?

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

6th accused Chendi alias Ponne.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
I went to work at 9 oclock on Friday night and worked a double shift and came up at 4 P.M. on nextday. I went to t the big tank, washed, and was drying my clothes. A lot of Dorias and 2 people came on horse back. I was quietly going to my house when 2 Policemen came and seized me. The said they would do nothing to me and told me to come with them, and I did so. I was locked up in Marikuppam Police Station. I begged them to let me go but they locked me up.

QUESTION%
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No.

7th accused Vellore Kupp

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
My mother died in the Plague shed and they told me I should stop there for 10 days in the plague shed. On the 10th day in the evening I was returned home. I put my box on the ground and was standing there when Mr. Walton and another Police man came and arrested me.

QUESTION.
Did you go to M.C. Tagger's shaft?

ANSWER.
No I came straight from the Robertsonpet plague shed.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

8th accused Arasen.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
I went underground at 6 A.M. and came up at 4 P.M. I went home, took a bath, dressed and came out. 2 Police men came and caught hold of my hands. As they took me away I asked why they did so they told me to come with them. I was locked up.

QUESTION.
Did you see the 4th accused that day?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Did any one tell you to go-away?

ANSWER.
I never went there.

QUESTION
Have you any witnes-ses?

ANSWER.
No

9th accused Kanden.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
My brother wrote a letter and told me to post it at the Marikuppam Post Office. I went and did so. I then went to my sister's house at Sudgad lanes to get 4 annas. I got the money and was coming back when an Inspector in Mufti met me and said there is no road this side go away. I said I wanted to go to Pullagudasi to my house. He said "Maderchut" and struck me with a club. I tried to go back to my sister's near Chellappa's shop a lot of people were arrested and a mohamedan came up and caught hold of me. I said why do you arrest me

he told me to come as for as the station and then locked me up at the station. My waist thread and silver tayti were tal from me and a looking gals glass.

QUESTION.
Why didn't they take the 4 annas?

ANSWER. It was tied in my cloth and they did not notice it.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Do you plead guilty or nor guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty.

10th accused Chinnapien.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
That morning at 7 A.M. I went to work and at 4 I I came to surface. I came a little distance from the cag saw a Dorai on horse back. He went towards the Post Offi There was a large crowd there but I did not care to see went straight to my house to have my food. I washed and my food and came out, when 2 men caught me. I asked why did this, they abused me and took me away and locked me I did not go there at all that day.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No

QUESTION.
Which shaft did you come up?

ANSWER.
Rebblesdale.

11th accused Muddary.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER

I shifted from Jandamote lines to the cholera shed My uncle told me to go and see if my hut was thatched. I s a lot of Dorais coming in that direction. They were arrest some of the coolies. I went aside and stood there. A Dorai then came behind and seized me. I asked why he did so. He never mind we will keep you till the crowd disperses and t let you go. They took me and locked me in the Police Stati

QUESTION.

Did you go to No.III Mill that day?

ANSWER.

No.

QUESTION.

Did you see the 4th accused?

Answer

None of them.

QUESTION.

Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.

No.

QUESTION.

Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.

Not guilty.

12th accused Muthen.

QUESTION.

What have you got to say?

ANSWER.

On Friday night at 11 oclock I ment to blast. I to surface at 8 or 9 A.M. on Saturday. I left my things i the room, went home, took my food, and lay down. In the evening at 4.30. P.M. I got up in order to go to the latr When I came out I sawacrowd all round. I took my vessel h and then stood at a distance and saw them throwing stones Those that threw stones ran away, I and others were merel standing there. While I was going on the road some one ca and caught me and took me to the station. The Police took ticket and a girdle from me.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No.

QUESTION.
Do you plead guilty or not guilty

ANSWER.
Not guilty.

13th accused Gangan.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
On Friday at 5 P.M. I went to work. Next day I gave my name at the office and went home.this was in the morning. Till 11 oclock I passed the time by going here and there. I then had my meals and told my people to wake me at 3 P.M. At 4 oclock my uncle woke me up and told me all our people were beating the Dorais and asked why I was still sleeping. I went and had my food and then left in a hurry to go to work. On the way to the office I saw a large crowd. I saw about 10 people there tied by the hands, and other peoples there said the Police were coming. I said you have done nothing why should be you be afraid you can stay here. I went away and as I was going to work some one seized me and tied my hands I was not allowed to turn round even and cite witnesses. Any of the Dorais can be asked if I was present at the crowd Police men also may be asked if they saw me?

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No.

14th accused V.Andi.

QUESTION.
What have you got to say?

ANSWER.
At 4.30. P.M. I was going from Champion Reef to

to Marikuppam to get candles for my meistry. On my way I wen to a bazzar and bought 3 pies worth of fried gram. There I s saw a large crowd assembled. I went and stood there. A Dorai was driving away the crowd. I was going from there to get candles when a Dorai came and seized my hand. I asked why he seized my hand. He took me to Marikuppam station and locked me up.

QUESTION. How many stones did you throw. ?

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION. Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION. Do you plead guilty or nor guilty?

ANSWER. Not guilty.

15th accused Latchmana.

QUESTION. What have you got to say?

ANSWER. Saturday at 7 A.M. I went to work and after finishing work I came up at 5 P.M. I went home and took my food an was then going to my meistry Kuppasami to get candles. I saw a large crowd near the hospital and the road. 2 Dorais came and struck me on my hands and shoulder and seized my hair. A Police man came running and I was handed over to him, and the Dorais went towards the crowd. I was taken towards the south I cried on the way and said I had taken no part in the affair. Some people seeing this told the Police man to let m go. He released me and I ranaway towards the bazaar. A Polic man whislled and a lot of Dorais and Police came running . Again I was arrested by the same Police men and was taken t the hospital. There we heard the report of a gun and I was taken to the Marikuppam Police station and from thence to Champion station.

QUESTION.
Have you any witnesses?

ANSWER.
No.

QUESTION.
Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

ANSWER.
Not guilty.

5. The charges framed against the accused were as follows:-

" That you (1) A.Munisami (2) Armogam (3) Ponnen (4) Permal (5) Kandan (6) Madurai (7) Muthen (8) Gangan (9) V.Andi and (10) Lutchmana on or about the 28th day of December 1907 at Mysore Mine Marikuppam joined in an unlawful assembly that had been commanded to disperse and there committed an offence punishable under section 145 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance."

(2) That you on or about that same day and the same place used force and violence in the common object of such assem and thereby committed an offence punishable under section of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance".

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charge.
5th 6th and 7th 8th and 10th accused were discharged section 253 C.P.C. On 6-1-1908.

6. Neither witnesses were examined nor exhibi for the defence.

JUDGMENT.

The trouble in this case originated on the 25th Decemb 1907 on the evening of which day there was a fracas betwee the Panjabi watchman whose lines are at Champion Reefs and the coolies living near No.9 shaft Mysore Mine.

There was some further disturbance the next day and

the Punjabees were removed from their lines and were camped out in the rifle range having been temporaril y releived from their posts on the Mysore Mine.

At 3 P.M. on the 28th December several Punjabees were marched down from the rifle range to be again stationed at their posts of duty. On their way down they passed close by Ribbelsdate Shaft, the principal Shaft on the Mysore Mine, where many coolies had collected to go underground for the afternoon shift.

The coolies saw the Punjabees coming back and this was a signal for them to refuse to go underground.

In the meanwhile Punjabees were placed on duty on the Mills and picking floor and at Taylor's and Crocker's shaft both of which are situated in the centre of the mine. Mobs coolies began to collect in various places and took up -- positions on block rock heaps and coal heaps.

They were asked to disperse but refused to do so. In a short time stones began to be thrown, first at the Punjabee and the picking floor, and at Taylor's, and Crocker's shaft and later on at the Police and Europeans.

The assistance of the Voluntrees who were being held i readiness was eventually called upon and they marched down to the mine, and the coolies retired to their lines near Jundamote.

The Police with a small posse of voluntrees then went into the lines and effected several arrests.

The prisoners were taken and locked up in the Marikupp Police station.

In a short while a crowd collected in front of the -- station and demanded the release of the prisoners about thr quarter of an hour was spent in trying to get the mob to

away, by talking to them and advising them, but as they refused to go and as dark was approaching the volunteers who were present were asked to advnce upon the crowd in extended oredr.

As soon as they did so the crowd retreated and some more promiscuous stone throwing was indulged in. The Police made one ar two more arrests. By this time the crowd had retreated as far as the Civil Hospital and they discovered that one or two Police men were inside having their injuries attended to.

Stones were freely thrown at the Hospital, breaking the windows and tiles.

Thrice the crowd came forward to attack the place and the fourth time a Head Constable who was inside came to one of the doors and discharged his rifle, the result being that a boy was hit with some buck shot. The crowd then dispresed.

The prisoners in the Marikuppam Lock-up were then removed to Champion Reef Police Station and nothing further occurred.

The 1st prosecution witness is Mr.Pritchard the District Superintendent of Police. He was on the Mysore Mine when the Punjabees returned to duty and received a chit from Mr. Gifford the Superintendent of the Mine saying that the -- Ribbelsdate coolies has struck work. He goes on to say that large crowds collected at the picking floor and at the mill and the Police Officers present were unable to make them disperse. The crowd began to stone the Punjabees at the picking floor and at Crocker's and Taylor's Shafts. The witness and other Europeans including Mr.Wilby and Police Officers were stoned. Evantually with the aid of the voluntrees the crowds were dispersed. Mr.Pritchard then obtained the help of 3 or 4 volunteers and with them and Inspector Walton and Head -- Constable Rahiman Khan went into the lines and arrested 22 men

men whoever marched to the Marikuppam Police station under a volunteer escort and locked up. He states that the Magistrate was prsent and ordered the crowd to disperse. He is unable to indentify any of the accused.

The 2nd prosecution witness Inspector Mohamed Hassain relates the same story. He was ordered by the District Superintendent of Police to disperse the crowds. They decline to disperse and disobeyed the orders of the Magistrate and the Police. He identifies the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 14th and 15th accused. Inspector Norris the 3rd prosecution witness was also present with the other Police officers. He had his men posted about in different places. The trouble he says began at about 4 or 4.30. P.M. The mob threw stones and refused to disperse. On his way to Mactaggerettr Shaft he saw one of his constables who had been injured by a stone. He then went to Champion Reefs station by the permission of the District Superintendent of Police and brought rifles and ammunition.

He was present when the Police made the arrest in the Jundamote lines and subsequently took the person arrested to the Marikuppam station. The witness then goes on to speak of the crowd that assembled in front of the Police Station and were afterwards dispersed by the volunteers. He identifies the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 11th accused.

4th Prosecution witness Mr.Wilby Assistant Supervisor of watchmen speaks of the great crowd of coolies that --- collected and how they were asking each other "where are the Punjabees". They would not disperse but whistled and made si signs and ran about. The witness identifies the 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th, and 11th accused. The witness himself was hit by a stone in the face. In the course of his evidence he states that the 4th accused was nearly mad.

5th Prosecution witness Quartz yard foreman Rowlands was

on duty at the Quarz Yard. He saw the crowds which the Police and mining authorities were vainly trying to keep back. He saw two men suddenly arrested by the Police and taken down the road. He also saw the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd accused throwing stones at the Panjabees. They ran across from the Carpenter's Shop on to the top of a black rock heap and began to throw stones. 4th accused threw stones at Taylor's Shaft and the 11th accused he also saw throwing stones at No.III mill.

The 6th prosecution witness East identifies the 1st, 6t and 9th accused whom he saw on several occasions throwing stones. The accused he says he knows well. The 6th accused was throwing stones at the Punjabees and the 1st, and 9th at the District Superintendent of Police and others.

The 7th prosecution witness Rahimankhan a Head Constabl was posted near the blacksmith's shop to keep order. Some of the mob rushed at him and a constable who was with him, and the witness was hit on the head with an iron bar by a man wh has absconded while the constable was hit with a stone on th head by the 4th accused. Of this lot he identifies the 4th 9th, 10th and 11th accused.

He arrested the 4th accused and handed him over to Pcnc 14, but the crowd assaulted the constable and rescued the acc sed were concerned in this. The 9th accused spoke to the witness and said "who are you" and made signs to others to collect when told to go away. The witness afterwards went to the Hospital to get his wound dressed when the crowd surrou ed the place. They were told that no Punjabees were there, only Police, but nevertheless the crowd kept on threatening to attack the hospital so Rahimankhan discharged his rifle at the ground the shots of which hit a youth, having recock ted off the ground. The mob at the Hospital then ran away.

Peter a driver, the 8th prosecution witness was present He speaks to the fact of Wilby and the Head constable being

hit with stones. He identifies the 1st, 4th and 11th accused. 1st accused he says stoned Lewis at Taylor's Shaft. He also speaks of the arrest and rescue of the 4th accused, when the witness, helped by Inspector Walton and the Volunteers, arrested afterwards in the lines. The 11th accused he says was with the 4th accused, but he did not actually see him throwing stones.

The 9th witness Inspector Walton speaks to the whole affair. The crowd rushed for Taylor's Shaft and mounted the black rock heap and threw stones at the Punjabis. He identifies the 1st and 4th accused among those who were doing this, and although he repestedly told them to go away they would not. Rahiman Khan was asked to arrest the 4th accused which he did. The witness followed the coolies to MacTaggart's Shaft where he identified the 7th accused throwing stones. At No. III Mill he arrested one Ganga but the crowd roughly handled him the witness, and rescued the man. On his way back the crowd stoned the Police and Mining officials and of these lot he identifies the 8th and 11th accused.

The witness then goes on to relate what occurred up to the time. A crowd collected outside the Marikuppam Police station. He says the D. S. P. the Magistrate and Captain Kidd Adjutant of the Volunteers tried in vain to disperse them, after which the Volunteers advanced on them and they ran away.

During this episode some stone throwing took place and the 15th accused whom he identifies was arrested by Inspector Everard.

The 10th Prosecuting witness Head Constable Walton identifies the 12th accused who was then throwing stones, whistling and exciting the crowd. The accused were arrested by the Volunteers and handed over to the witness. Afterwards this witness arrested the 14th accused with the help of Inspector Everard.

Inspector Everard the 11th Prosecuting witness was a
Rowe's Shaft when he told the crowd to disperse. The 13th
accused called on the others not to do so. He arrested hi
and later on the 14th and 15th accused who were in the mo
outside the Marikuppam Police station. He actually saw th
accused throwing stones and with some other officers ran
after them and caught them.

Captain Kidd the 12th witness has deposed that some
the crowd in front of the Marikuppam Police station told
in Hindustani that they would not disperse unless the pri
soners were released. Three quarters of an hour were spen
in vain endeavours to get them to go away. The Magistrate
then asked the witness to disperse them with the aid of t
Volunteers which was done.. Some promiscuous stone throwir
took place and 2 arrests were made. No shots were fired b
the Volunteers.

The 13th witness T. D. Thomas an Engineer was preser
during the whole disturbance on horseback. He found a Mr.
Thomson in difficulties near MacTaggart's Shaft and helpe
to rescue him. He then tried to get to the Armoury and th
mob tried to prevent him, but he galloped through them. I
reported the state of affairs to Col. Paterson of the Vol
teers who sent the witness to the Magistrate for instruc
He returned to the Armoury and the Volunteers were then
marched down to the Mines. He identifies the 12th accuse
whom he saw arrested while running away from Taggart's Sh
The witness was hit with stones on the head, arm and sid

Thomson the last prosecution witness saw a crowd co
from behind and in front of the Mills to MacTaggart's Sh
He went there and the crowd threw stones at the Shaft an
at the landers. He tried to stop them but could not. The
some Policemen came to his help and they were knocked ov
and assaulted. The witness tried to help the Police and
surrounded, while the stone throwing still continued. Ev
tually Thomas came to rescue him the coolies being afrai

Thomas' horse. The witness was hit several times. His topee was knocked off 4 or 5 times and he was hit as well on the arm and ankle. He cannot however identify any of his assailants.

No fresh light is thrown on the case by the statements of the accused (embodied in full above) which consist of merely of denials unsubstantiated in any particulars. Not one of them has cited a single witness on his behalf. It will be clear from the Prosecution evidence that the worst offenders were the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 11th accused. These have all been identified by 4 or more witnesses.

The 9th, 12th, 14th and 15th accused have only been identified by 2 or utmost 3 witnesses each and they do not appear to have taken quite such an aggressive part on the others.

The 13th accused was arrested on the spot by Inspector Everard who alone gives evidence against him as refusing to disperse and inciting others to do the same.

As for the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th accused, identification has not been corroborated and therefore on account of the confusion existing at the time I have given them the benefit of the doubt and discharged them. It is significant that all the accused are youths under 25 years of age and after careful consideration I have formed the opinion that the whole affair was an entirely unpremeditated and unorganised embreak on the part of a set of rowdy yoiths excited by the unfortunate coincidence of the Punjabis returning to duty at the hour of changing shift when the coolies are assembling in large numbers. It is quite probable that if the Punjabis had come back to work an hour sooner or later, this affair would never have taken place, since these coolies who mostly come from the Jundamote lines had no apparent cause for irritation such as might have been urged on behalf of the No 9 Shaft Coolies, had they been the offenders in this case.

The Jundamote coolie lines are situated at a considerable distance from those of No. 9 Shaft where the disturbance of the 25th took place and the Jundamote coolies had themselves no particular grievance against the Punjabis but appear to have been actuated by sheer irresponsible recklessness. The only excuse that can be urged for their most apprehensible conduct in indiscriminately stoning the Punjabis, the Police and the Europeans present is the mere fact of their youth. There is no evidence that any of the elder or more responsible members of the community had anything to do with the affair at all.

It is a matter for congratulation that the moral influence of the Volunteers was such that they were able to disperse the ~~crowd~~ mob without firing a single shot. The Court finds A. Munisami, Armogam, Ponnan, Perumal, Kandan, Madurai, Muttan, Gangan, Andi and Latchman guilty of the offence with which they are charged and sentences Munisami, Armogam, Ponnan, Perumal and Madurai to six months' rigorous imprisonment each, and Kandan, Muttan, Gangan, Andi and Latchman to three months' rigorous imprisonment each.

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Sd/ P. F. Bowring,

1st Class Magistrate.

C O P Y.

District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

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Office of the District Magistrate,

Kolar District,

Dated Camp Champion Reefs, 9th March 190

From

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar Esquire., B.A., B.L.,

District Magistrate, Kolar District.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire., B.A.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

General & Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.C.304 dated the 17th January 1908, forwarding copies of judgments in the cases against the Tamil coolies and the Panjabis connected with the recent riots at Kolar Gold Fields, and of my Memorandum No.C.3 of the same date, intimating that a further report would be submitted in due course, the latter then being Sub-judice, on appeal I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of Government, copies of judgments ~~passed~~ had at the Chief Court in Criminal Appeal No.94 of 1907-08 and in Criminal Appeal and Revision cases Nos.96 and 99 of 1907-08 respectively, on the file of the said Court, and to state that the convictions having been upheld and sentences against Panjabis enhanced, justice has been vindicated and that there now remains nothing else to be done in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar

District Magistrate.
Kolar District.

In the Chief Court of Mysore at Bangalore,

Friday, the 14th Day of February 1908.

Present.

Mr. Justice H.V. Nanjundayya, Offg. Chief Judge.

&

Mr. Justice K.S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar, Offg. Judge.

Petition of Criminal Appeal No.94 of 1907-08 against the conviction and sentence passed by the Assistant Commissioner & 1st class Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields, under Sections 145 & 147 of the Penal Code in Criminal Case No. 31% of 190?-08.

Appellants.

1. Ponnen.

2. Gangan.

(3rd & 13th accused).

Judgment.

The 13th accused says in his statement that he told men in the crowd that they need not be afraid of the Police coming, as they had done nothing. The 11th witness swears that he ordered the assembly to disperse. He was empowered to do so under Section 127, Criminal Procedure Code, and the witness arrested the 13th accused as, according to him, he not only would not go, but asked the others not to go. We see no reason whatever to disbelieve this witness and so the conviction of the 13th accused is right.

The other appellant is identified by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th witnesses. The 2nd witness identifies this man "as having taken part and thrown stones" and adds it was near Taylor's Shaft. The 3rd witness also says he saw this man among those throwing stones. The 4th witness says that the 3rd accused came from a rivetting shop and was arrested as he was one of the crowd. The 5th witness swears that he saw also him throwing stones at the Panjabis.

The evidence is quite sufficient to show that he was also a member of the unlawful assembly. We see no reason to doubt the propricty of the conviction or the sentences.

We therefore dismiss this appeal.

True Copy.

Sd. B. Basavaradhya.

Dy. Registrar.

" C O P Y "

District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

C.No.6063-64/337.

IN THE CHIEF COURT OF MYSORE AT BANGALORE.

Wednesday, the 4th day of March 1908.

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Mr.Justice P.S. Krishna Rao, Rao Bahadur,

and

Mr.Justice K.S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar, Offg. Judge.

Petition of Criminal Appeal No.96 of 1907-08/ Criminal Revision Case No.59 of 1907-08 against the conviction and sentence by the Assistant Commissioner & 1st class Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields, under Sections 147 & 149 and 323 & 325 of the Indian Penal Code, in Criminal Case No. 360 of 1907-08.

Appellants.

1. Nawab Khan.
2. Gama.
3. Hasheem Deen.
4. Ali Mardan.

(1st, 2nd, 3rd & 7th accused)

Judgment.

The accused in this case, ten in number, were charged before the Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate of Kolar Gold Fields, with having committed offences under Sections 147,149,323,and 325,I.P.C, with rioting. The 1st,2nd,3rd,7th & 10th accused were convicted, and the rest were acquitted. The 1st,2nd & 3rd accused were sentenced to suffer rigourous imprisonment for three months each; the 7th was sentenced to undergo rigourous imprisonment for five weeks; and the 10th accused was fined Rs.15/- and, in default of payment of the fine, was sentenced to rigourous imprisonment for 14 days.

On a perusal of the calendar and copy of the judgme the District Magistrate was of opinion that having regard t the gravity of the offence committed, the sentences passed the 1st 2nd & 3rd accused were wholly inadequate and accord moved this Court to take action under Section 439 Criminal cedure Code, Notices were thereupon issued by this Court ca

upon the said accused persons to show cause why the sentences passed upon them should not be enhanced. Subsequent to the issue of these notices, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 7th accused preferred an appeal to this Court against the conviction and sentences passed against them. The appeal and the Revision Case were heard together. Mr.Murti Rao appeared on behalf of the accused and the Government Advocate represented the Government.

The first contention urged on behalf of the 1st,2nd,3rd and 7th accused in support of their appeal is that the charge upon which they were tried did not set out the common object of the unlawful assembly, but merely alleged that the accused committed rioting. There is no doubt much force in this contention, for in all cases in which there is a charge under Section 147 I.P.C, the common object ought to be stated. But the omission to set out the common object does not necessarily make the conviction bad. What the appellate Court has to see is whether or not the accused have been misled by the omission and a failure of justice has been occasioned thereby. In the present case, the trying Magistrate has found that the alleged disturbance arose out of a quarrel between the complainant's husband on the one hand and the 1st,2nd,3r & 10accused on the other, in consequence of the latter havin tried to molest the complainant, that in the course of the quarrel the said accused beat and carried away the complainant's husband to their lines, that being provoked by this conduct of the accused, the pariahs living in the cooly lines of the complainant began to throw stones at the Panjabi line that thereupon the accused and several other Panjabis rushed into the cooly lines of the complainant and started beating men and women therein with lathis. The Magistrate has further found that the Panjabis carried away to their lines Dorasami (prosecution witness 3) and Ponnasamy (prosecution witness 4) who had nothing to do with the quarrel about the

woman, and had them tied up in their lines for a considerable time. There are also distinct findings by the Magistrate as to the part with which each of the accused took in the assault committed upon the pariahs in the cooly lines. Under these circumstances and having regard to the fact that there never was any doubts ~~to~~ in the minds of the accused as to what the prosecution alleged was the common object it does not appear to us that the appellants were in any way prejudiced by the omission to set out in the charge the common object of the assembly.

The next contention on behalf of the appellants is that no two persons speak to the same set of facts. On a careful examination of the evidence, we find that this is not strictly correct; but assuming that each witness speaks to but one fact observed by him in the course of the riot committed by the accused, that does not necessarily render his testimony unworthy of credit. The question is one of credibility of the witness, and we have no doubt that the trying Magistrate who has sifted the evidence of the witnesses with great minuteness and care, has estimated the value to be attached to the testimony of each witness correctly. We see therefore no reason to differ from the finding arrived at by the Magistrate that the accused are guilty of the offences charged against them. But the sentences passed against the accused and especially accused 1,2 & 3 are, in our opinion, wholly inadequate. They have been convicted of rioting as well as of causing hurt to several men and women and grievous hurt to a man named Krishnaswamy. The Magistrate has not found that there were any palliating circumstances; on the other hand the evidence is that they gave rise to provocation on the part of the pariahs in the cooly lines by wrongfully molesting one of their women (the complainant) and by beating and carrying away her husband when he went to her rescue and remonstrated

with them for their objectionable conduct. The evidence further shows that when smarting under such provocation the pariahs began to throw stones on the Panjabees' lines, the accused with several others rushed into the lines of the pa pariahs and began to mercilessly beat with lathis all the men and women they came across. Striking one of them (Krishnaswamy aforementioned) so violently that he had his collar bone broken and that not satisfied with this, they carried away to their lines two of the pariahs, viz- Doraiswamy (prosecution witness 3) and Ponnaswamy (prosecution witness 4) and had them confined there until the Police arrived at the spot. High handed acts such as these, especially on the part of persons employed as watchmen, require to be visited with punishment which will have a deterrent effect. The sentence of three months rigourous imprisonment awarded to each of the accused 1,2 & 3 is, in our opinion, inadequate, and we consider that a sentence of six months' rigourous imprisonment will not be too severe under the circumstances. We direct that the sentences passed on the said accused 1,2 & 3 be enhanced accordingly. The appeal preferred by the 1st,2nd,3rd and 7th accused is dismissed.

Sd. P.S. Krishna Rao.
Judge.

Sd. K.S. Chandrasekhara Aiy
Offg. Judge.

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District Magistrate.
Kolar District.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 304, dated the 17th January 1908, from the District Magistrate of the Kolar District, reporting on the breaches of the peace that occurred at the Kolar Gold Fields from the 25th to 28th December 1907.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 4652—424, dated the 13th January 1908, from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, on the same subject.

No. J. 2855-57—Pol. 125-07, DATED BANGALORE, 18TH MARCH 1908.

ORDER THEREON.—At 5-30 P. M., on the 25th December 1907, a disturbance took place at No. 9 Shaft, Mysore Mines Coolie Lines, owing to an affray between the Punjabi Watchmen whose lines are close to the coolie huts and the Tamil Coolies. At about 5 P. M., a woman named Paliem started from her hut for the Shandy at Robertsonpet, when she met four Punjabis, Nawab Khan, Gama, Hasheem Deen and Bostan Khan. They stopped her and questioned her as to what she had in her basket, while Gama made some indecent signs to her and another poked her head with a stick. She got frightened and ran to her hut and finding her husband, Madurai, near Gilbert Shaft, told him what had transpired and pointed out to him the Punjabis who were following her. Madurai asked the Punjabis what they were about, whereupon Nawab Khan and Gama hit him and Bostan Khan kicked him. On his crying out, all of them seized him and carried him away to their lines, other Punjabis joining the party and beating him with sticks. When his mother intervened and remonstrated, she was also beaten. Other Tamil coolies then interfered and rescued Madurai from the Punjabis and the latter reinforced by several others of their comrades thereupon made a sortie and beat several men, women and children whom they found in the adjoining coolie huts. Two coolies were also dragged off to the Punjabi lines and confined there, presumably with the idea of preferring complaints against them of having pelted stones at the Punjabis.

2. On hearing of the disturbance, Head Constable Rahiman Khan with six constables from the Champion Reefs Police Station, went to the spot and persuaded the Punjabis to release their prisoners and he persuaded the coolies also to return quietly to their huts, which are about 45 to 50 yards away from the Punjabi lines. This was at about 7 P. M. On the information reaching the Superintendent of Police, Mr. S. M. Pritchard, he visited the place at about 7-45 P. M. and found everything quiet, and it was thought that the disturbance had subsided.

3. The next morning, *viz.*, the 26th, at 8 A. M., before investigation against the offending Punjabis could be taken up, the Tamil Coolies mustered in large force and began to attack the Punjabi lines with stones. The Superintendent of Police who proceeded to the spot found an excited crowd of several thousands of coolies being held back with difficulty by thirty of the local Police under Inspector, G. Norris, from rushing into the Punjabi quarters. There was a good deal of promiscuous stone throwing and repeated rushes on the part of the crowd. No one was however seriously injured and the crowd was eventually persuaded to disperse at about 12 noon.

4. Mr. P. F. Bowring, the Special Magistrate, who was at Bethamangala, was telephoned for, and he returned immediately. After quieting the disturbance, both Messrs. Pritchard and Bowring met at 2 P. M., at the Coolie Lines and took down detailed statements of every one who had any complaints to make, and Mr. Pritchard assured them all that the Punjabis who were to blame would be brought to justice. He also assured the coolies who did not want the Punjabis so close to their huts, that they would be removed from that place and never again allowed to return thither. This assurance pacified the coolies and helped the removal of the Punjabis to the Rifle Range.

5. The Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, who was at Chintamani, 52 miles from the Gold Fields, was also communicated with by wire and the telegram reached him by post late on the evening of the 27th, and he arrived at the Fields on the evening of the 28th.

6. On the 27th idem, everything continued to be quiet, and the whole day was spent in further investigation. The coolies could not name any of the Punjabis

and could only point them out. A detachment of 20 officers and men of the Special Reserve Force which had been despatched from Bangalore reached the Fields at 8-30 P. M., by motor train.

7. On the morning of the 28th, the Punjabis were all mustered at the Rifle Range and the identification from amongst them of the offenders by those that had been assaulted on the 25th evening took more than three hours. The police had also to collect sufficient evidence before arresting any of them.

8. While matters stood thus on the 28th, when the Punjabis were marching up to change guards at various mills and posts at the Mysore Mine at about 3 P. M., the coolies, who were just about to go underground at Ribblesdale Shaft, saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work, started to collect in excited groups near the posts where the Punjabis were stationed and began to throw stones. The Police, 11 officers and 50 men, attempted to disperse the crowd. In the *melee*, several constables and two or three Europeans were hit with stones, but none was badly hurt. Mr. C. Paterson, Chief Engineer of the Mysore Mine, (Lt.-Col. & Commandant of the local Volunteers) who happened to be on the spot, asked Mr. Bowring if the Volunteers should be called out. Mr. Bowring asked him to keep them in readiness. Later on when it was found that the Police on the spot, though equal to dispersing the crowd, would be unable to cope with the situation, if arrests had to be made, the assistance of the Volunteers was requisitioned at 4 P. M., when a detachment of A and B Companies of the Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers appeared on the scene. On the force advancing on the crowd, the coolies retreated to their lines, where 28 of them were arrested by the Police and escorted with the help of the Volunteers to the Marikuppam Police Station, and locked up there. This was at about 5 o'clock in the evening. The crowd again collected, presumably with the intention of trying to get the prisoners released, and would not disperse. A detachment of C and D Companies of the Volunteers then turned up, accompanied by Adjutant Captain Kidd. As the mob did not disperse, the Volunteers, numbering in all 10 officers and 110 men, advanced in extended order and the rioters retreated towards the old Government Civil Hospital. The Volunteers then retired.

9. Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, Deputy Commissioner, had arrived at the Fields at about 5-30 P. M. Seeing that the huge crowd which had gathered had instead of dispersing wended their way towards the Hospital, creating further disturbance, he followed them thither and found them boisterous, pelting stones on the roof, smashing windows and rushing at the doors, demanding the inmates to surrender the Policeman who had got in there. Head Constable Rahiman Khan who was being dressed for a bad cut on the head, being frightened at their rushing at him, discharged a gun loaded with buck shot, which slightly hurt one of the coolies, who thereupon became more furious and showered volleys of stones from all sides. On the Deputy Commissioner hastening into their midst, calling out in Tamil to cease fire and stop the disturbance, the coolies recognised his voice and cried out that "Peri Dorai" (big saheb) had come, they need have no more fear, and that they should cease causing disturbance and represent their grievances. On his assuring them that he would personally enquire into their grievances, if any, they felt re-assured and gathered round him, began to cry and complain that they had come all the way from their distant homes to work underground at great personal risk and sacrifice, that when they were absent from their huts on such hazardous tasks, the Punjabis went after their women and molested them, assaulted old and young in their huts, trumped up false charges against them, annoyed and teased them in several ways and that when the Punjabis were caught assaulting them, instead of being punished, the Punjabis themselves were set against them, which only helped the Punjabis to contrive and bring them to further trouble, and that when they protested against such acts, their own comrades were arrested and taken away to the Police Station, and that they would never more have anything to do with the Punjabis. When he explained to them at great length that in spite of their allegations, it was illegal and wrong of them to have taken the law into their own hands, that they were unwise in pelting stones and causing a disturbance, that it was Messrs. Pritchard's and Bowring's great forbearance that had averted their being fired on, which would have been so disastrous to them, that their charges against the Punja-

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bis in general were unreasonable, but that all specific complaints against any individual would be carefully gone into and whoever had molested them would be arrested and brought to justice, they expressed satisfaction and went away to their huts saying they would leave everything in his hands. This was at about 8 P. M.

10. As the Mines authorities naturally felt uneasy about the situation, the Deputy Commissioner patrolled the more important of the Coolie Lines at about midnight and found everything quiet and from his conversation with the coolies he met, he understood that they were sorry that they had behaved in a lawless manner.

11. On the morning of the 29th December, 10 Punjabis who had taken part in the disturbance of the 25th idem were arrested. When Mr. Bowring and the Deputy Commissioner went over to several of the Coolie Lines and spoke to the people explaining to them their folly, they were readily convinced of it and the more elderly of them repented of the action of those that had gone wrong owing to misunderstanding.

12. The coolies resumed work from the 29th morning and the Punjabis are again at their posts.

13. The Inspector-General of Police who was away at the Gersoppa Falls on the 27th reached the Field on the 29th at midday, having ordered 50 of the Reserve Police and an Inspector from Birasandra to join duty at the Gold Fields without delay; these men reported themselves on the 30th morning at the Gold Fields.

14. As far as can be ascertained, this out-break on the part of the Mine Coolies seems to have been directly due to the molestation by certain Punjabis of the woman Paliem and the ill-treatment of her husband and other coolies who came to her help and also to a general feeling against the Punjabis in regard to the manner in which they are said to have been conducting the search of coolies at Shaft heads on the various mines for some time past.

15. The judicial enquiry has been completed and five out of the ten Punjabis concerned have been convicted and sentenced, the punishments ranging from a fine of 15 rupees to rigorous imprisonment for three months. The Punjabis preferred an appeal to the Chief Court against this sentence. The Chief Court confirmed the conviction and enhanced the sentence in the case of three of them from three months to six months. The trial of the Tamil coolies has also been concluded, five being sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and five to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

16. In thus recording the facts of the occurrence, Government are glad that there is no reason to apprehend further trouble and they do not consider that any special protective or punitive measures are called for.

17. Government have also much pleasure in noting that the local officers, Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Bowring, the Special Magistrate, and Mr. Pritchard, the Superintendent of Police, dealt with the disturbance with commendable tact and temper. Government also take this opportunity to record their appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Kolar Gold Fields Volunteers in dealing with the disturbance.

18. Government feel at the same time that it is desirable that enquiries should be instituted as to the relations subsisting between the Punjabi watchmen and the cooly population and into the truth of the allegations made by the coolies as regards the treatment they receive at the hands of the Punjabis.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The District Magistrate of Kolar.
The Chairman of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board.

Exd.—C. P. S.

File No. 125.
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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Correspondence ending with letter No. C 304 dated the 17th January 1908 from the District Magistrate of the Kolar District reporting on the breaches of the peace that occurred at the Kolar Gold Fields from the 25th to 28th December 1907.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 4652/424 dated the 13th January 1908 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore on the same subject.

Order thereon No. J-2855-57
Police 125-07

Dated Bangalore, the 18th March ~~February~~ 1908.

At 5-30 P.M. on the 25th December 1907, a disturbance took place at No. 9 Shaft, Mysore Mines Coolie Lines, owing to an affray between the Punjabi Watchmen whose lines are close to the Coolie huts and the Tamil Coolies. At about 5.P.M., a woman named Paliem started from her hut for the Shandy at Robertsonpet when she met four Punjabis, Nowab Khan, Gama, Hasheem Deen and Bostan Khan. They stopped her and questioned her as to what she had in her basket, while Gama made some indecent signs to her and another poked her head with a stick. She got frightened and ran to her hut and finding her husband, Madurai, near Gilbert Shaft, told him what had transpired and pointed out to him the Punjabis who were ~~chasing~~ following her. Madurai asked the Punjabis what they were about, whereupon Nawab Khan and Gama hit him and Bostan Khan kicked him. On his crying

out , all of them seized him and carried him away to their lines, other Punjabis joining the party and beating him with sticks. When his mother intervened and remonstrated, she was also beaten. Other Tamil Coolies then interfered and rescued Madurai from the Punjabis, and the latter reinforced by several others of their comrades, thereupon made a sortie and beat several men, women and children whom they found in the adjoining Coolie huts. Two coolies were also dragged off to the Punjabi lines and confined there, presumably with the idea of preferring complaints against them of having pelted stones at the Punjabis.

2. On hearing of the disturbance, Head Constable Rahiman Khan with six/~~x~~ constables from the Champion Reefs Police Station, went to the spot and persuaded the Punjabis to release their prisoners and he persuaded also the Coolies to return quietly to their huts, which are about 45 to 50 yards away from the Punjabi lines. This was at about 7 P.M. On the information reacing him the Superintendent of Police, Mr. S.M.Pritchard, he visited the place at about 7-45 P.M. and found everything ~~was~~ quiet, and it was thought that the disturbance had ~~ended~~ subsided.

3. The next morning, viz, the 26th, at 8 A.M., before investigation against the offending Punjabis could be/~~was~~ ~~made~~ taken up, the Tamil Coolies mustered in large force and began to attack the Punjabi lines with stones. The Superintendent of Police who proceeded to the spot found an excited crowd of several thousands of Coolies being held back with difficulty by 30 of the local Police under Inspector G.Morris, from rushing into the Punjabi quarters. There was a good deal of promiscuous stone throwing and repeated rushes on the part of the crowd. No one was however seriously injured and the crowd was eventually persuaded to disperse at about 12 noon.

4. Mr. P.F.Bowring, the Special Magistrate, who was at

Betamangala

Betamangala, was telephoned to, and he returned immediately. After quieting the disturbance, both Messrs Pritchard and Bowring met at 2.P.M. at the Coolie lines and took down detailed statements of every one who had any complaints to make, and Mr. Pritchard assured them all that the Punjabis who were to blame would be brought to justice. He also assured the Coolies who did not want the Punjabis so close to their huts, that they would be removed from that place and never again allowed to return thither. This assurance pacified the Coolies and helped the removal of the Punjabis away to the Rifle Range.

5. The Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate who was at Chintamani, 52 miles from the Gold Fields, was also communicated with by wire and the telegram reached him by post late on the evening of the 27th and he arrived at the Fields on the evening of the 28th.

6. On the 27th idem, everything continued to be quiet, and the whole day was spent in further investigation. The Coolies could only point out could not name any of the Punjabis and had to identify them. A detachment of 20 officers and men of the Special Reserve Force which had been despatched from Bangalore reached the Fields at 8-30 P.M. by Motor train.

7. On the morning of the 28th, the Punjabis were all mustered at the Rifle Range and the identification from amongst them of the offenders by those that had been assaulted on the 25th evening took more than 3 hours. The Police had also to collect sufficient evidence before arresting any of them.

8. While matters stood thus on the 28th, when the Punjabis were marching up to change guards at various Mills and posts at the Mysore Mine at about 3.P.M., the Coolies who were just about to go underground at Ribblesdale Shaft saw the Punjabis, refused to go down to work, started to collect in excited groups near the posts where the Punjabis were stationed and

began

began to throw stones. The Police, 11 Officers and 50 men, attempted to disperse the crowd. In the melee several constables and two or three Europeans were hit with stones, but none was badly hurt. Mr. G.Paterson, Chief Engineer of the Mysore Mine, (Lt.Col. & Commandant of the Local Volunteers) who happened to be on the spot, asked Mr. Bowring if the Volunteers should be called out. Mr. Bowring asked him to keep them in readiness. Later on when it was found that the Police on the spot though equal to dispersing the crowd, would be unable to cope with the situation, if arrests had to be made, the assistance of the Volunteers was requisitioned at 4.P.M., when a detachment of A and B Companies of the Kolar Gold Fields Rifle Volunteers appeared on the scene. On the Force advancing on the crowd, the Coolies retreated to their lines, where 28 of them were arrested by the Police and escorted to the Marikuppam Police Station and locked up there. This was at about 5 O'Clock in the evening. The crowd again collected, presumably with the intention of trying to get the prisoners released, and would not disperse. A detachment of C and D Companies of the Volunteers then turned up, accompanied by Adjutant Captain Kidd. As the mob ~~declined to~~ did not disperse, the Volunteers, numbering in all 10 Officers and 110 men, advanced in extended order and the rioters retreated towards the old Government Civil Hospital. The Volunteers then retired.

9. Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, Deputy Commissioner, had arrived at the Fields at about 5.30 P.M. Seeing that the huge crowd which had gathered had instead of dispersing wended their way towards the Hospital, creating further disturbance, he followed them thither and found them boisterous, pelting stones on the roof, smashing windows and rushing at the doors, demanding the inmates to surrender the Policeman who had got in there. Head Constable Rahiman Khan who was being dressed for a bad cut on his head, being frightened at their rushing at him, discharged a gun loaded with buck shot which slightly hurt one of the

Coolies

Coolies, who thereupon became more furious and showered volleys of stones from all sides. On the Deputy Commissioner hastening into their midst, calling out in Tamil to cease fire and stop the disturbance, the Coolies recognised his voice and cried out that "Peri Dorai" had come, they need have no more fear, and that they should cease causing disturbance and represent their grievances. On his assuring them that he would personally enquire into their grievances, if any, they felt reassured and gathered round him, began to ~~sob~~ cry and complain that they had come all the way from their distant homes to work underground at great personal risks and sacrifices, that when they were absent from their huts on such hazardous tasks, the Punjabis went after their women and molested them, assaulted old and young in their huts, trumped up false charges against them, annoyed and teased them in several ways and that when the Punjabis were caught assaulting them, instead of being punished the Punjabis/~~they~~ themselves were set against them, which only helped the Punjabis to contrive and bring them to further trouble, and that when they protested against such acts, their own comrades were arrested and taken away to the Police Station, ~~etc~~, and that they would never more have anything to do with the Punjabis. When he explained to them at great length that in spite of their allegations, it was illegal and wrong of them to have taken the law into their own hands, that they were unwise in pelting stones and causing a disturbance, that it was Messrs Pritchard and Bowring's great forbearance that had averted ~~a~~ their fear on fire, which would have been so disastrous to them , that their charges against the Punjabis in general were unreasonable but that all specific complaints against any individual would be carefully gone into and whoever ~~that~~ had molested them would be arrested and brought to justice, they expressed satisfaction and went away to their huts saying they would leave everything in his hands. This was at about 8 P.M.

10. As the Mines authorities naturally felt uneasy about the

the situation, the Deputy Commissioner patrolled the more important of the Coolie lines at about midnight and found everything quiet and from his conversation with the Coolies he met he understood that they were ~~all convinced~~ sorry that they ~~should not have taken the law into their own hands.~~ had acted via Paulen manner.

11. On the morning of the 29th December, ~~the~~ ten Punjabis who had taken part in the disturbance of the 25th idem were arrested. When Mr. Bowring and the Deputy Commissioner went over to several of the Coolie lines and spoke to the people explaining to them their folly, they were readily convinced of it and the more elderly of them repented of the action of those that had gone wrong ~~(under)~~ owing to misunderstanding.

12. The Coolies ~~have~~ resumed work from the 29th morning and the Punjabis are again at their posts.

13. The Inspector General of Police who was away at the Gersoppa Falls on the 27th reached the Field on the 29th at mid-day, having ordered 50 of the Reserve Police and an Inspector ~~at~~ from Birasandra to join duty at the Gold Fields without delay, ~~The~~ these men reported themselves on the 30th morning at the Gold Fields.

14. There is now a force of 90 Reserve Police, including 2 Inspectors, on the Fields and they with the local Police will be able to keep the peace on the Fields should there be any further disturbance. A force of 100 men of the Imperial Service Regiment is also held in readiness to proceed to the Fields should the necessity arise.

15. As far as can be ascertained, this outbreak on the part of the Mine Coolies seems to have been directly due to the molestation by certain Punjabis of the woman Paliem and also to a general feeling against the Punjabis in regard to the manner in which they are said to have been conducting the search of Coolies at

ill-treatment of her by the coolies who came to her help

Shaft heads on the various Mines for some time past.

15. The judicial enquiry has been completed and five out of the ten Punjabis concerned have been convicted and sentence the punishments ranging from a fine of 15 rupees to rigorous imprisonment for 3 months. The trial of the Tamil Coolies has also been concluded, five being sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and five to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

In these recording the facts of the occurrence
16. ~~The Durbar see~~ Govt are glad to that there is no reason to apprehend further trouble and they do not consider that any special protective or punitive measures are called for.

17. ~~The Durbar are glad to note~~ Govt have also much pleasure in noting that the local officers, Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Bowring, the Special Magistrate and Mr. Pritchard, the Superintendent of Police dealt with the disturbance with ~~great~~ considerable tact and temper ~~and that with great patience and level-headedness they prevented the crowd from being fired upon and thus helped to quell the disturbance before it assumed a more serious aspect~~. Govt also take this opportunity to record their appreciation of the assistance rendered by the K.G.F. Volunteers in dealing with quelling the disturbance.

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Offg Secretary to Government.

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The I.G. of Police in Mysore
The Dt. Magte. Kolar.
The Chairman of the Kg.F. Mining Board

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Gen. I

To The 7.A. Resident.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Honble the Resident a copy of the durbar Proceedings No. J2855-07 / Police 125-07 dated the 18th March ~~February~~ 1908 re the riots which took place on the 14-9-7. ~~on the~~ from the 25th to the 28th December 1907.

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